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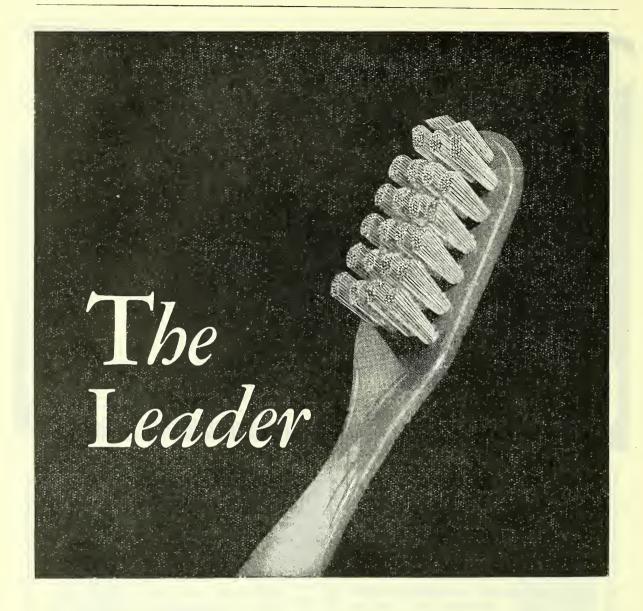
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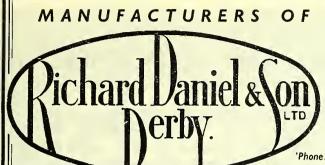
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Export Control Modification.—The Board of Trade recently issued the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 42) Order, 1940 (S.R. & O., 1940, No. 2102), which modifies the list given in the Fourth Schedule to the Order No. 39 to include: Oils, unrefined or refined, the following: Coconut oil, cotton seed oil, groundnut oil, linseed oil, olive oil, palm oil, palm kernel oil and soya bean oil; lard, refined or unrefined; compound or imitation lard; and any goods (other than feeding stuffs for animals, edible flours, grain, potatoes and unmanufactured tobacco, whether stripped or not, including shorts and smalls, not denatured, and stalks) which, for the time being, are specified in Group 1 of the First Schedule to the Order.

Medical Planning Commission.—The British Medical Association has set up a Medical Planning Commission, and has invited the co-operation of the English Royal Colleges and the Scottish Corporations in this work. The terms of reference are as follows: "To study war-time developments and their effects on the country's medical services both present and future." In deciding the size and in choosing the personnel of the Commission the Association has had the view that such a body will be in the nature of an assembly, meeting from time to time to debate large questions of principle. The detailed work of the Commission will be undertaken in committees and subcommittees of the usual size, and their resolutions and recommendations will come up for discussion before the Commission itself. The Association believes that any disadvantage which may be attached to the size of the Commission will be more than offset by the advantage of its fully representative character. Much thought has been given to the age distribution of members of the Commission as well as to its representative character. The Commission will consist of sixty-eight doctors, representing all branches of medicine, under the presidency of Colonel Thomas Fraser, consulting physician to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. The chairman is Mr. H. S. Souttar, surgeon to London Hospital, and the members include Lord Dawson of Penn, Sir Francis Fremantle and Dr. Haden Guest, M.P.

Purchase Tax.—The tollowing decisions regarding the liability to tax of certain articles are published as supplementary to those already given in Notice No. 78. Class 2.—Not chargeable: Reinforced waterproof wrapping and packing paper and similar specialised wrapping and packing materials. Class 5.—Erratum to previous notice (C. & D., January 4, p. 1): Spitting flasks are not chargeable with tax. Class 6.—Picture frames not liable as fancy goods under Class 16 are chargeable under Class 6. Picture frames made to order are also liable. Class 7.—Chargeable at the rate of 33½ per cent.: Portable lamps and hand torches of all descriptions. Class 18.—Soft soaps are chargeable only if they are specially prepared or put up for sale for toilet use. Class 19.—Sugars have been added to the "not chargeable" column of Class 19 (2) of Notice No. 78, and the following substances have been removed from Class 19 (1) (a) and will not be liable to tax unless put up as compounded medicinal preparations, e.g. as injections: Dextrose, liquid glucose, lactose, maltose, sucrose. Vitamins and vitamin concentrates have been added to the list of substances under Class 19 (1) (a) and are accordingly not chargeable unless put up for medicinal or veterinary use. The following vitaminised preparations are regarded as not chargeable drovided they do not contain any other drugs or medicaments: Vita-

minised foods generally, vitaminised glucose, vitaminised malt extract, vitaminised oils, combinations of the above vitaminised preparations.

Advertising Association and Arthritis.—A new rule circulated among members of the Advertising Association by its advertisement investigation department includes arthritis amongst ailments for which cure or relief claims should not be advertised.

Torch Batteries.—The Board of Trade has issued as S.R. & O. 1940. No. 2168, the Dry Batteries (Prices) (No. 4) Order. Details are given of the maximum prices at which various batteries may be sold and the permitted increases in respect of purchase tax. Copies of the Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office (price 1d.).

Emergency Telephone Services in London.—Fifty public telephones have been installed at Regina House, Cheapside, for the use of business men whose offices suffered in the recent incendiary attack on the City. Subscribers who have arranged for incoming calls to be transferred to other numbers are asked to notify, in writing, the Telephone Manager, Eagle House, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4.

Retail Prices Approved by Central Price Committee.—A statement issued by the Central Price Regulation Committee, on December 31, announced that retail prices capable of being put into effect on January 1 had been approved for all goods sold by Boots, Ltd. Owing to the large number of items involved it was not practicable for the Committee to publish details of all prices, but lists of the approved prices divided into the twelve categories—book, fancy, silver, toilet requisites, stationery and art, Boots' own goods, drugs, surgical sundries, photographic, proprietary medicines and toilet preparations, dog requisites and tablets—would shortly be in the hands of local price regulation committees, which would be able to verify from them any prices charged.

IRELAND

Turpentine Not Sold as Drug.—A case brought under the Food and Drugs Act against Bridie Sheehan, Farranpore, co. Kerry, of offering for sale turpentine not of the nature, substance and quality demanded, was dismissed by the District Justice at Killarney recently on the ground that the turpentine was not sold as a drug.

Recovery from Illness.—Mr. J. R. Guiler, M.P.S.N.I., 122 North Road, Belfast (representative for Northern Ireland of The British Drug Houses, Ltd.), has made excellent recovery from a recent severe illness and will resume duties very shortly. Mr. Guiler is an active member of the committee of the Chemists' Benevolent Fund (Northern Ireland).

SCOTLAND

Business Change.—Mr. William Currie, M.P.S., has disposed of his business at 43 High Street, Grantown-on-Spey.

Trade Charges North of the Border.—A Scottish subscriber writes: "Many chemists are now packing their own drugs, and the public seem to appreciate the endeavour. Plain labelling is the order of the day, but as the quality is generally superior to the popular idea of war-time standards the value is excellent and prices are good. The high quality is due to the fact that pre-war stocks have been held in bulk—a statement that applies particularly to such articles as cream olive oil, liquid paraffin and cod liver oil. There is a relative scarcity of many unnecessary articles; but the chemist has not to imagine that if he cannot supply an article he is necessarily losing good business. The fact is that there is frequently a shop-to-shop trek by customers, on the off-chance that the elusive article may perchance be picked up somewhere. One thing remains the same—the occasional amusing request by a less educated customer. A recent example with me was 'A packet o' Virginia wool tae pit on yer breist.' It was not difficult to supply the correct proprietary."

COMPANY NEWS

P.C. means Private Company and R.O. Registered Office

TEXOL CLEANSER, LTD. (P.C.)—Capital, £1,000. Objects: To carry on business as manufacturers of and dealers in chemicals, disinfectants, etc. Herbert Smith, 377 Willerby Road, Hull, director. R.O.: 76 Lowgate, Hull.

PROTECTUS, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £200. Objects: To carry on business as manufacturers of and dealers in surgical appliances and apparatus, chemists' sundries, etc. The first directors are not named. R.O.: 369-371 Brixton Road, London, S.W.9.

GALLANTRY (CHEMIST), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £500. Objects: To acquire the business carried on at High Street, Boston Spa, by representatives of the late Mr. Fred Gallantry. Mrs. Christina Gallantry, High Street, Boston Spa, and Philip Matkin, M.P.S., 708 Wakefield Road, Bradford, directors.

WILLIAM BLAKELY, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £2,000. Objects: To carry on business as wholesale or retail chemists, manufacturers of and dealers in surgical, photographic and scientific materials, etc. Louisa Blakeley and Dorothy M. Ellis (née Blakeley), M.P.S., directors. R.O.: 8 Market Place, Birstall, near Leeds.

WARD & WOODMAN, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £3,000. Objects: To acquire the business of a chemist carried on by William A. G. Woodman, M.P.S.,17 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, as Ward & Woodman. William A. G. Woodman and Violet Wooler, 17 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, and Maud, Ronald, and Betty Woodman, directors.

WHITEHALLS (CHEMISTS), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. Objects: To carry on business as chemists, druggists, etc. Harold Whitehall, M.P.S., 56 Moorgate, Bury, Lancs; Elizabeth E. Tomlinson, Tor View, Haslingden, Lancs; and John Tomlinson, Tor View, Haslingden, Lancs, directors. R.O.: 56 Moorgate, Bury, Lancs.

WILLIAM IAN ROYAL. (P.C.).—Capital £500. Objects: To acquire the business of a retail chemist carried on by Jessie Royal at 75 Moss Lane, Liverpool, as "Andrew Royal." Jessie Royal, 75 Moss Lane, Liverpool, and William Ian Royal, M.P.S., 15 Ormonde Drive, Maghull, Lancs, directors. R.O.: 75 Moss Lane, Liverpool.

STEPHEN TALBOT & Co., LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. Objects: To carry on business as wholesale and retail chemists and druggists, etc. Arthur L. Stephens, 30 East Acton Lane, Acton, London, W.3, and Geoffrey H. Rice, 5a Dunraven Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12, directors. R.O.: 388 Uxbridge Road, London, W.12.

Bankruptcy.—Mr. Gwyn Edward Pughe-Jones, M.P.S., 884 London Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, chemist.

INSURANCE ACT DISPENSING

Bournemouth.—The Insurance Committee has approved a recommendation by a subcommittee that a notice should be issued to medical men, for exhibition at their surgeries, urging, among other things, that where medicines are ordered by the doctor they shall be obtained from the chemist during the daytime whenever possible. It was decided that, in the absence of a general demand for earlier surgery hours, the chemists' evening closing time should continue at 7 p.m., as agreed last winter.

Kilmarnock.—The number of insured persons in the Burgh as at October 1, 1940, was 19,010, a decrease of 155 on the previous figure.

Liverpool.—The insured population of Liverpool is now 347,334; doctors on the Insurance Committee's medical list number 341 and chemists 247, controlling 382 shops. No cases of complaint against chemists have necessitated meetings of the pharmaceutical service subcommittees during the past twelve months. A decrease in the number and cost of prescriptions and in the frequency per insured person has taken place.

Middlesex.—A meeting of the war emergency committee of the Pharmaceutical Committee, held on December 11, noted an increase of 28·89 per cent. over pre-war figures in average cost of ingredients in prescriptions, and an increase by 1·52 per cent. in the average dispensing fees per 1,000 prescriptions. It was reported that the Insurance Committee had decided that the normal closing hours of chemists' establishments should be changed forthwith from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to local arrangements being made for the dispensing of medicines in one or more shops in each neighbourhood until 7 p.m. The war emergency committee points out to local chemists under contract with the Insurance Committee that facilities must be available at each pharmacy until 6 p.m., and unless the requisite notice is shown indicating places in the immediate neighbourhood at which prescriptions may be dispensed, until 7 p.m.

General Council of Panel Chemists (Scotland).—A meeting of the Council was held recently at 36 York Place, Edinburgh, Mr. F. W. M. Bennett in the chair. It was reported that a special committee had been appointed to meet representatives of the Department of Health (Scotland) in connexion with the payment of purchase tax on National Health Insurance prescriptions. This committee had been assured that the Department realised that it would be the duty of the Department to reimburse the chemists for tax paid on drugs used, and the Department had proposed a scheme. The Council accepted the principle of the scheme and remitted to the committee the adjustment of details. The chairman said he did not think anything had occurred under the present national situation to require a change in the terms of service.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Confident Messages.—Your happy idea of inviting New Year greetings from the heads of the principal organisations in or associated with pharmacy has had a noteworthy response (pp. 4-7). Through all the messages runs a note of confidence in the outcome of the country's struggle that cannot fail to hearten your readers. The work of the past year in taking the measure of the national difficulties we are confronting and of adjusting our policy to them has been done and will not have to be done again, save in so far as individual misfortune may overtake any "We believe," writes the chairman of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, "in our ability to fulfil our trust, but we shall only succeed if we put forth our utmost effort and couple with it unceasing vigilance." The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London presents a complementary truth: "Everything that we do must be for the benefit of the people, even though for a time it seems to our disadvantage." Each of the messages published shares this practical and discriminating quality, and to make selections for quotation seems almost invidious. I should like, however, to underline the happy suggestion of the president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland that a delegate from his Society might sometimes visit a Council meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and that the visit might be returned. There is already a precedent in the occasional presence of an "outsider" at the Bloomsbury Square Council meetings, with a welcome by the president or other chairman. No more appropriate departure than that envisaged by Mr. Glendinning could be made; and to form such a link would be all to the good.

Growing Resistance.—The editorial article "Resist or Resign" (p. 11), and certain letters in your Correspondence columns during the past fortnight, indicate that a major crisis in the affairs of pharmacy is impending. We are to some extent in the dark in this matter, as we do not know the nature of the negotiations that have taken place between the interested parties; but there must be few among us who would countenance the surrender of our rights without a battle. What is the Pharmaceutical Society or its Council afraid of? Is it thinking of the year 1880, when it lost a High Court case on the interpretation of the word "person" in Sections 1 and 15 of the Pharmacy Act of 1868?

Or is it thinking of the bitterness engendered by the admission of apothecaries' assistants to the Register of Chemists and Druggists in and after 1919? The latter event was rounded off by the mitigating circumstance that (as Sir William Glyn-Jones pointed out) the number of such persons admitted was fewer than was at first feared. But what mitigating circumstance could we expect if a surrender to the wildest claims of co-operative societies was made? In my view, it is time for the responsible leaders of the Society to take members into their confidence, even if it has to be done by means of a private meeting. The present ignorance of what is going on inevitably gives rise to rumour and mistrust. It has been said that pharmacists are a feeble folk, but I believe that on an occasion of this kind they will be found capable of vigorous and, what is more important, sustained activity.

In Plough Court.—To every pharmacist the words "Plough Court" have long stood for a pharmacy of the highest type; and no one who has visited the famous premises, with their horseshoe-shaped counter, will read without dismay of their disruption by enemy activity. Your article on p. 12 on this subject made me open my copy of Mr. E. C. Cripps's "Plough Court," a well-documented account of an enterprise in which science, hard work and philanthropy were mingled. I need not refer to any of its contents, nor to your own article summarising the history of the house now known as Allen & Hanburys, Ltd. It is clear from a polemical reference during the abortive legislative efforts of physicians and apothecaries in 1748, cited by you in an article in 1926, that comparatively early in its career the firm of Silvanus and Timothy Bevan had become a formidable rival to the Society of Apothecaries of London, then conducting a "selling place" in Water Lane. In the middle years of the nineteenth century a pharmacist whom I afterwards knew gained valuable experience as an assistant there: I still remember a few of the features of life behind that counter as related to me. Certain pills were kept ready for sale, he said, in guinea and halfguinea boxes, one preoccupation of the chief counter assistant being to see that customers were made duly aware of the higher-priced size. One customer had the reputation of using half a pint of eau de Cologne in his bath daily: his City address was Billingsgate. Xrayser

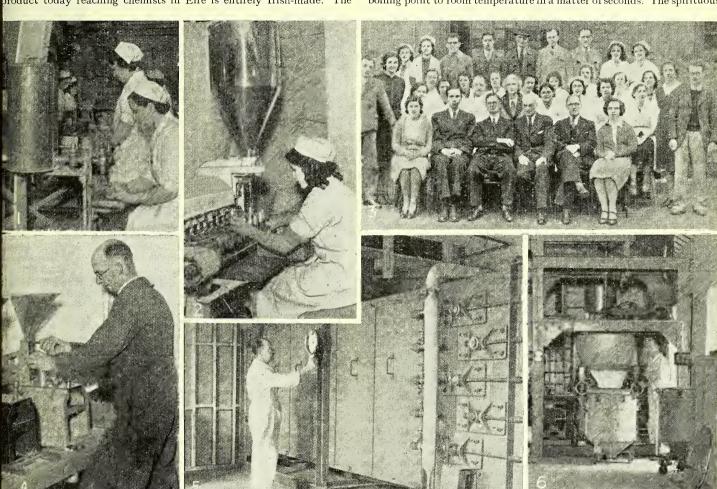
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NEW BEECHAM-GROUP FACTORY IN EIRE

NEW pharmaceutical industry established in Eire within recent months is that of Proprietaries (Eire), Ltd., Parkgate, Dublin. The company responsible for this new venture comnenced in Eire in June, 1935, as J. C. Eno (S.E.), Ltd., but removed arly this year to larger premises at Parkgate Street. Up-to-date actory equipment and plant was installed, and manufacturing, packing and distributing on a much wider scale was initiated, the title of the irm being altered at the same time. A number of the Beecham provietaries are now being manufactured from start to finish at the factory. The raw materials for Eno's Fruit Salt, which formerly came rom England, now come direct from the United States, and the finished product today reaching chemists in Eire is entirely Irish-made. The

of the filling machine, the exact amount of tooth-paste required is filled-in from the pumping chamber, and the capped tube is then closed, coded, and ejected from the machine to a moving conveyor belt, where a team of girls pack the filled tubes into cartons and outers. Most of the raw materials for the paste again come direct from the United States, the flavouring agents being imported from Australia.

A third process of manufacturing carried on at the factory is the making of Amami shampoos and wave-set, and of Pompeian face powders. The entire range of Amami shampoos is produced. Mucilage base for the green wave-set is made in a gas boiler and transferred to a storage tank by way of a device which reduces the temperature from boiling point to room temperature in a matter of seconds. The spirituous



1. Bottling Veno's Lightning cough cure. 2. Filling tooth-paste into collapsible tubes. 3. Group of works staff; in the front row are Miss Wilson, Messrs. F. S. Lomax (works manager), W. B. Alexander (secretary), P. H. Harwood (a director), T. J. Hanna (assistant secretary), and Miss A. Pilgrim. 4. Packing Beecham's pills into penny "screws." 5. Drying oven for Eno's Fruit Salt. 6. Manufacturing unit for Macleans tooth-paste.

ingredients are fed into a rotating drum and thoroughly mixed, and the product falls in a thin white cloud on to a conveyor belt to enter the drying ovens. Belts moving in an opposite direction take the Fruit Salt back to the point at which it entered the mill, and after several journeys through the oven it is finally dried to the required degree and ready for packing. The product passes down a chute to the floor below, where it is filled volumetrically into bottles.

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Another process carried out is the production of Macleans peroxide tooth-paste. Glycerin for this is driven by rotoplunger pump from the basement of the factory to the manufacturing unit on the top floor, with its series of decks on which are located pans and mixers. Temperature is important, and the pans can be steam-heated at one stage of the process and water-cooled at another, various ingredients being added at each. After mixing, the mass of tooth-paste moves to a lower deck, to pass through large granite rollers that ensure fine texture. From the roller mill the mass goes into monel-metal lined pans, in which the final mixing is carried out before the paste is released to travel by gravity to the tube-filling machine on the floor below. From the time the process begins the paste is kept continuously on the move until finally filled into tubes. As each tube comes under the nozzle

wave-set and Amami brilliantines are also made here. The cosmetic preparations are manufactured in a separate building from the medicinals, and at the moment the building is being entirely reconstructed.

Beecham's pills and powders are packed at, and Beecham's lung syrup and Lactopeptine distributed from, Parkgate. The factory equipment includes a battery of four machines in which the pills are packed in penny "screws." Once the pills are filled into the supply hoppers at the top of each machine the "screws" are turned out automatically at the rate of almost forty a minute. Veno's Lightning cough cure is filled and packeted at, and distributed from, Parkgate, while other Veno products handled include Germolene ointment and Germoloids, Dr. Cassell's tablets, Phensic, and Germolene toilet and shaving soaps. A part of the manufacturing process and the packaging of Phosferine are carried out in Dublin, while other preparations packed include Thermogene and its companion line Thermogene vapour rub, Yeast-Vite, Iron Jelloids, Phyllosan tablets, and Cicfa. Extensive alterations and improvements to the existing premises are being carried out. The directors of the company are Messrs. T. B. Ponsonby, P. H. Harwood, and W. C. Stubbs, with Mr. W. B. Alexander as secretary and Mr. F. S. Lomax as works manager.

SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE

THE increased use of chlorine for disinfection purposes requires no urging at the present time, especially following the official recommendation given as to employment of hypochlorite solutions in public air-raid shelters. Chlorine for general domestic purposes is conveniently utilised in the form of sodium hypochlorite, which is readily decomposed with evolution of chlorine gas. Sodium hypochlorite can be simply prepared by passing chlorine gas through sodium hydroxide solution, and when so made is of a much purer quality than is necessitated for simple disinfection purposes. For the latter a cruder product containing sodium chloride is quite satisfactory.

The electrolytic cell used for preparing sodium hypochlorite is of simple construction, and once the conditions of current input, liquor concentration, and temperature have been standardised, the work proceeds continuously without requiring attention. Cells of this type have been recently placed on the market for the chlorination of swimming baths, and can be directly applied to drinking water. These ming baths, and can be directly applied to drinking water. These consist of small earthenware vessels containing sets of graphite electrodes connected to the current supply. Troughs within the vessel subdivide direct current to the required figure by connecting up in parallel or series. The raw product, common salt, is generally in a sufficiently pure condition to be used directly, but cruder qualities require preliminary treatment with soda ash to separate out lime and magnesium salts. The concentration of the sodium chloride solution ranges from 10 to 15 per cent., giving from 10 to 20 gm. of active chlorine per litre. Stronger solutions can be used where current is comparatively cheap. Each pound of active chlorine produced requires approximately 3 K.W.H. provided the resistances do not increase the voltage beyond 6 volts. The graphite electrodes, cut from graphite plates so that they present a fixed number of square inches of surface to the current input, are placed in position so that they provide a series of cells within the earthenware vessel.

Continuous Production.—The salt solution of the required concentration is run into the cells from a siphon with a ball-float control, so that the pressure does not vary. Where it is desired to have the maximum conversion of sodium chloride into sodium hypochlorite, the salt liquor is run in at the lowest speed, but this does not always give the greatest current efficiency. The presence of some undecomposed sodium chloride does not act as a deterrent to the disinfecting properties of the final product. Advantage may therefore be taken of this foot and the final product. this fact and the finished product may be a mixture of sodium hypochlorite and undecomposed sodium chloride. The salt solution is made to take a zig-zag course as it passes from cell to cell, and in so doing the evolved chlorine is absorbed by the sodium hydroxide, a molecule of oxygen being combined in the process, whereby instead of sodium chloride being regenerated, the hypochlorite appears. The cells should be tightly closed to prevent any escape of free chlorine until the liquor has passed the final pair of electrodes, when an escape pipe is used to allow the hydrogen discharged from the cathode to get free.

Concentrated hypochlorite solution containing 100 gm. of active chlorine per litre has been prepared, but requires an anodic current density of from 11 to 12 amps. per square foot, and cooled platinum electrodes. By using the continuously flowing electrolyte, sufficient cooling is obtained, and the much cheaper graphite electrodes can be successfully substituted and the work may be carried out at normal temperatures. The higher the concentration of sodium chloride, the more easily are the chlorine ions discharged, and the greater must be the "ClO" ion concentration, whilst by preventing temperatures reaching abrormally high figures, apart from lowering the rate of chemical decomposition, equilibrium of the reactions is maintained. In factories producing sodium hypochlorite on a large scale electrolytically, current is often supplied by large generator sets, whilst the active chlorine content of the product is determined by automatic recorders. For small scale production by the foregoing process, the use of the rectifier is much simpler, as it requires no attention, and allows of much more flexible control. With the direct small-scale apparatus, wherein a partial decomposition to hypochlorite suffices, the salt solution is simply run continuously through the cells and, as it emerges from the discharge end, passed to the bottling department. In working out yields and energy expenditure in technical practice, I tons of active chlorine as sodium hypochlorite is obtained per horse-power year, at the rate of 3 lb. per K.W.H. It is doubtful if the small apparatus can give as high yields, but the convenience of setting up the whole outfit on a small bench has much to commend it.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 15

LEEDS BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Metropole Hotel, Leeds, at 2.30 p.m.
Mr. H. N. Linstead (secretary, Pharmaceutical Society) on "Current Pharmaceutical Problems."

Friday, January 17

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, North British Branch, 36 York Place, Edinburgh, at 7 p.m. Second Evening Meeting of the session. Professor H. Dryerre, Ph.D., M.R.C.S., F.R.S.E., on "Blood Transfusion and Blood Groups"

TRADE-MARK APPLICATIONS

The figures in parentheses refer to the classes in which the marks are grouped. A list classes and particulars as to registration are given in "The Chemist and Druggist Di and Year-Book," 1940, p. 275.

- (From "The Trade Marks Journal," November 27, 1940)

 Device of pine trees with words "Pritchard's 'Puro' Pine" and seal containing words "I for P.T.P.," exclusive use of letters "P.T.P." disclaimed; for water-softening prepations and detergents containing pine oil. Also same device, etc., with the addition the words, "The safe and powerful disinfectant, germicide, and deodorant, non-poisone Kills germs as it cleans"; for a liquid disinfectant, etc., containing pine oil (1) (3) (5) (I By Pritchards, Ltd., 2 Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire. B.612,304/5, B.609,4 (All Associated.)
- KOPPAX," for scientific and industrial chemicals (1) (IV). By F. & M. Supplies, Ltd., 21 Coldharbour, London, E.14. 612,538.
- "Wiroyl" (with signature of John Woolley); for agricultural chemicals (other than w killers) (1) (IV). By J. Woolley, 119 Trench Road, Wellington, Shropshire. 613,0 (Associated.)
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 DOLLY VARDEN" (device); for nail polish (3) (IV). By Jenson & Nicholson, Ltd., C
 penter's Road, Stratford, London, E.15. 612,919.
- "LACTEVAN"; for pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations, all derived from mi and "ADRENUTOL"; for pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations, all contain adrenaline (5) (IV). By Evans Sons Lescher & Webb, Ltd., 56 Hanover Street, Liverpc 2. B612,927 and 612,928.
- "CINÉ-KODAK" (exclusive use of word "Ciné" disclaimed); for cinematographic apparatetc. (9) (IV). By Kodak, Ltd., Kingsway, London, W.C.2. 612,790. (Associated.)
- "Stripular" for electric heating apparatus (11) (IV). By The Hot-Point Flectric Appliar Co., Ltd., 24 Newman Street, London, W.1. 613,167.
- "Glencone" for cardboard or paper appliances to protect windows against blast (16) (I By Glencoe Paper Works, Ltd., Perren Street, Ryland Road, London, N.W.5. 613,0

Conversion of Specifications

(Section 36 (3) and Rules 6 to 8). To Schedule IV (with amalgamation): No. 222,091, by T. Hedley & Co., Ltd.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," December 4, 1940.

- "Selix"; for adhesives to attach surgical dressings to the skin (1) (IV). By The Brit Drug Houses, Ltd., 16 to 32 Graham Street, City Road, London, N.1. 612,8 (Associated).
- "Ntrroflix"; for nitrogenous fertilisers (1) (IV). By Nitrogen Fertilisers, Ltd., 5 Gippesw Avenue, Ipswich. 612,847
- "Tungum"; for utensils for use in dentistry (10) (IV). By Tungum Alloy Co., Ltd., Iddeslei House (Suite 2), Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. 611,356 (Associated).
- RSON"; for surgical hosiery (10) (IV). By Burson Knitting Co., 208 Cedar Stre Rockford, Illinois, U.S.A. 612,809 (Associated).
- APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
 (Under Section 3 of the Patents, Designs, Copyright and Trade Marks (Emergency)
 Act, 1930)
 No. 568,447 owned by Chemische Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H. Gereco, and No. 518,0
 owned by Friedrich Merz, trading as Merz & Co.—Merz & Co., Ltd., 49 Queen Victo Street, London, E.C.4.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," December 11, 1940)

- "ELON"; for photographic developers in powder form (1) (IV). By Kodak, Ltd., Kingsw. London, W.C.2. 612,789.
- Device of front door of house with words "Martin's Number to Drops"; exclusive useparately or together, of the word "Martin's" and the word and numeral "Number to disclaimed; for medicated sweets (5) (IV). By G. Martin (Confectioners), Ltd., The H. Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. 611,021.
- "EUCADINE"; for pharmaceutical preparations (5) (IV). By Boots Pure Drug Co., Lt 37 Station Street, Nottingham. 612,956.
- "Arthraool"; for pharmaceutical preparations for the treatment of rheumatism, e (5) (IV). By R. Blackie, Ltd., Shen Works, 16 Melon Road, Peckham, London, S.E., 612,991.
- Peter Pan"; for surgical rubber goods excluding plasters or pads (10) (IV). By L. Wilm 9 Tierney Road, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. 612,877.
- 'KORANNITE"; for a mineral substance as a substitute for steatite in industry (19) (IV By Rotameter Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 276 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W. 612,916.
 - Applications for Temporary Suspension (Under Section 3 of the Patents, Designs, Copyright and Trade Marks (Emergency)
 Act, 1939)
- No. 513,201 owned by Schering, Ltd., and No. 530,668 owned by Bayer Products, Ltd. Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.

Conversion of Specifications

(Section 36 (3) and Rules 6 to 8)
To Schedule IV (with amalgamation): No. 45,240 by Ogston & Tennant, Ltd.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," December 18, 1940)

- "Flamos"; for a fire extinguishing compound (1) (IV). By Macneal & Co., Ltd., 50 Pa Mall, London, S.W.1. 613,095.
- "Sanatogen"; for toilet preparations, etc. (3); all goods (5), except medicated wine, etc all goods (29); all goods (30); animal and poultry foods, malt, etc. (31); all goods (32 All Schedule IV. By Genatosan, Ltd., 43 Regent Street, Loughborough. 605,717/8/9/2 1/2. (All Associated.)
- "BUTYLAR"; for toilet preparations (3) (IV). By L. Scherk, 47 Carlisle Mansions, Londo S.W.I. 613,023.
- "Koffix"; for medicinal preparations (5) (IV). By W. J. Gilbert, 8 East Street, Newqua
- "Eros"; for surgical articles of india-rubber (10) (IV). By L. Wilmin, 9 Tierney Roa Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. 612,876.
- "ZEPHYR"; for cachous being confectionery (39) (IV). By British Merchants Incorporate Ltd., 32 Lime Street, London, E.C.3. 612,821.

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TRADE NOTES

Lactagol.—Lactagol, Ltd., Mitcham, Surrey, inform us that Lactagol not subject to purchase tax, and confirmation of this has been received om official quarters.

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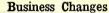
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e used for medical purposes in cases f coughs, asthma and similar comlaints, or for vaporising disinfectants air raid shelters. A packet of unpine vaporising powder is suplied with the outfit and chemists can upply other products suitable for ecific needs. The heating unit is un on paraffin.

FOREIGN PROPRIETARIES.—Wilcox, ozeau & Co., Ltd., 74-77 White ion Street, London, N.I, announce hat Nativelle's digitaline tablets are ow available but are supplied only one form, strength and size. Many roprietaries formerly imported into his country are now manufactured

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A. J. RIPPIN, LTD., drug merchants, have removed to "Three Trees," Woodcote Hurst, Epsom, Surrey.

Passmore & Thorns, analytical and consulting chemists, have emoved to 31 Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

MARSHALL, LECONTE & Co., LTD., perfumers' sundriesmen, announce hat their address is 32 Lynton Crescent, Ilford, Essex.

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D. MAWDSLEY & Co., druggists' sundriesmen, Manchester, announce that their office address is now Clyde Road, West Didsbury, Manchester.

THE INTERNATIONAL BOTTLE Co., LTD., have removed to Spencer Cottage, Treville Street, Roehampton, London, S.W.15. Telephone: Putney 7956.

BIDDLE, SAWYER & Co., Ltd., Empire House, London, E.C.I, advise us that telephone communications should be made to Perivale 4911.

THE new addresses of W. SUTTON & Co., druggists' sundriesmen, are Horseshoe Lane, Chase, Enfield, Middlesex, and Bell Street, White-church, Hampshire.

THE UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN has removed to The Clint, Eastcliff Road, Dawlish, Devon. Telephone: Dawlish 2297.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE.—A telephone has been installed at the offices, 4 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.I. The number is Holborn 5512.

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THE NATIONAL AMALGAMATED UNION OF SHOP ASSISTANTS, WARE-HOUSEMEN AND CLERKS has removed to Chillingham Court, near Bracknell, Berkshire. Telephone: Winkfield Row 64.

PERSONALITIES

MR. G. A. BLAKE, representative of Optrex, Ltd., in Kent, the West of England and South Wales, is now serving in the Royal Air Force.

MR. HAROLD BARTON, M.P.S., who, until a recent breakdown in health, was chief pharmacist for twenty-six years at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, is now recuperating at Blackpool.

MRS. G. H. LAWRENCE, widow of Mr. G. H. Lawrence (G. H. Lawrence, Ltd., safety razor manufacturers, Sheffield) has taken over the positions of chairman and managing director of the company.

CAPTAIN R. J. TWEEDY, late 19th Lancers, Indian Army, who has represented R. J. Reuter Co., Ltd., in the West End of London for several years, is sailing this week to rejoin the Indian Army.

Mr. George E. Pearson retired from the positions of governing director and chairman of The Wellcome Foundation, Ltd., on December 31, 1940. During his forty-five years' association with Burroughs Wellcome & Co., Mr. Pearson occupied the positions of travelling representative in the West End of London (subsequently visiting South Africa, Australia, the United States and Canada to establish the present subsidiary companies in those countries), of departmental head, general manager and managing director. When The Wellcome Foundation, Ltd., was established in 1924, Mr. Pearson was appointed deputy governing-director and on the death of Sir Henry Wellcome in 1936 became its governing director and chairman.

MARRIAGES

Notices for this column must be authenticated

ALEXANDER—LINDSAY.—At Balruddery, Culzean Road, Maybole, on December 31, 1940, by Rev. Francis Johnstone, Russell Alexander, 39 Loaning, Maybole, to Florence, only daughter of Mr. J. Martin W. Lindsay, M.P.S., 64 High Street, Maybole.

Burr—Ewin.—At the Parish Church, Lenton, on December 26, George Edwin Ford Burr, M.P.S., second son of Mr. Percy W. Burr (The British Drug Houses, Ltd.), Lyndhurst, Harlaxton Drive, Nottingham, to Gwendolen Helen Mary Ewin, M.P.S.

DEATHS

Beacock.—At his home, Micklefield Lane, Rawdon, Leeds, on January 2, Mr. Joseph Henry Beacock, chemist and druggist. Mr. Beacock, who qualified in 1877, was from that time onwards in business at Upperhead Row, Leeds, until 1930, when he retired. He was a past-president of the Leeds Chemists' Association and had been made an honorary life member of the Council of the Leeds branch of the Pharmaceutical Society. He was a lover of Dickens and was always ready to render some passage from one of his favourite books at social functions. Until his retirement he had also taken an active part in the affairs of the Leeds Chamber of Trade on whose council he had served. Members of the branch sent a wreath to the funeral. This took place on January 6, and among those attending were Messrs. T. Shooter, H. Hodgson and J. F. Usher.

DOTT.—At Musselburgh, on January 5, Mr. David Brown Dott, Ph.C., aged eighty-eight.

EBERLIN.—On December 26, Mr. Albert Eberlin, M.P.S., director of Waterall & Eberlin, chemists, Chapel Bar, Nottingham, aged seventy-seven. Mr. Eberlin, after an apprenticeship in Sheffield, became an assistant to the late Mr. Waterall and subsequently a partner in the business, and its proprietor on the latter's death. Mr. Eberlin always took an active interest in the social and political life of Nottingham. Following cremation at Wilford Hill, on December 30, a memorial service was held at High Pavement Chapel later in the day. Among those who attended were Messrs. F. W. Shepherd, C. E. Reynolds, E. C. Carr, S. H. Plattin, W. J. O. Clay, A. E. Beilby, E. H. Turton, W. J. Meakin, K. Ross Sergeant, W. E. Newbold.

Low.—Recently, Mr. David Low, M.P.S., Market Square, Winslow, Bucks. Mr. Low passed the Minor examination in 1901.

WILLIAMS.—Recently, Mr. John Williams, Ph.C., Bridge Street, Corwen, North Wales, aged sixty-seven.



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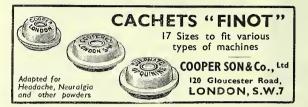
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Planning for the Post-War Era

his New Year message (C. & D., January 4, p. 4) Mr. T. B. Layton, S.O., M.S., master of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of ondon, mentioned that it is with the pharmacist that doctors must ally work in closest harmonious touch. It is for the seniors of day to think of the future, so that when the war is over doctors id pharmacists may be ready to adapt themselves to the great changes at must come in the practice of both professions. He further pointed t that there are those who would sweep all doctors into State service; they do the pharmacist will come to. The extension of National ealth Insurance will bring all branches of practising doctors into it, d its application to the wives, children and the other dependants of e worker will greatly increase the work under the State that is already one. Elsewhere in this issue are particulars of a medical planning emmission which is to give serious consideration to the problem of construction and reorganisation in the field of medicine in the postar era. At present the members of the Commission are medical men at it has power to co-opt additional members if necessary, to secure presentation of a particular class of experience not otherwise presented.

Pharmacy commenced planning for the future so far back as 1937 at since 1939 there has been no report of progress. In May of that har the Committee of Inquiry set up by the Council of the Pharaceutical Society issued Part I of its report in which an attempt was ade to describe the past and present position of pharmaceutical actice in such a manner as to give, so far as possible, a balanced cture of the position. At a recent meeting of the Council of the ociety Mr. Shaw proposed "that the Council consider its policy and articularly its long-range policy." This motion was passed and ferred to the Organisation Committee for a report. It is to be hoped at the resolution will not be allowed to sink into oblivion, for the resent Council has not only great opportunities but great responsibility garding the future of pharmacy. Every possible effort must be made appreciate the trends of medicine and pharmacy and also to keep a sen look-out for the changes in national life in regard to the relief of the ck and promoting the health of the people. In assessing these matters the Council may have to discard preconceived ideas and above all lopt a bolder policy than has been the case hitherto.

The Society will shortly celebrate its centenary. Membership under the Charter of 1843 was voluntary. There was no commercial disability staching to non-membership and no statutory responsibilities were uposed on members. The Act of 1852 by restricting titles gave a value registration. The Act of 1868 extended the responsibilities of the gistered pharmacist by entrusting to him the distribution of poisons. he Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, carried the matter a stage further requiring a pharmacist to be in charge in every premises where the usiness of a chemist and druggist was carried on. The principle was gain extended by provisions in the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 133 Can it be said that the progressive development in the various

Acts has raised the status of pharmacy in comparison with other professional organisations? The answer is, in parliamentary language, "in the negative," and the fundamental reason would seem to be the absence of any well-considered policy by those whose prime responsibility it should be. If the Committee of Inquiry cannot soon produce definitive proposals, then reconstruction committees should be set up under an executive able swiftly to co-ordinate all decisions. Members of the Society must then insist that appropriate action be taken by the Council. The future concerns the younger men, who, while willing to profit by the experience of their predecessors, must refuse to have their ideas suppressed because their proposals may be revolutionary. The nation has come to appreciate in recent months the value of younger men and their ideas, and the lesson can well be applied to pharmacy.

Replacement or Reimbursement

When the Government's War Damage Bill comes before the House of Commons one amendment is likely to be proposed that may have an important bearing upon the measure. On January 6 a group of property-owning interests met and considered what attitude they should take towards the Bill, and it is understood that one suggestion made was that the Bill should be confined in principle to restoring damaged properties, and not to repayments of the cash value of any damage done. At first glance the two might appear to be identical, but it is easily possible for them to be, in practice, widely different from one another. If the materials for replacement are at hand, then it is important that they should be used, and used without delay, whatever their current market value may be. The normal usefulness of the property is thus restored and its value to the productive life of the community becomes cumulative. The cost at some date in the past may have been less, but to pay that less amount may leave the property-owner with a sum of money and no prospect of replacing the building. The value at a subsequent date no man can predict, so that to award an arbitrary amount has again the effect of leaving the owner in doubt whether, when the money is at last forthcoming, he will be able to afford the repairs or replacement. This is an instance when the immediate monetary cost to the taxpayer may be at variance with the ultimate productive capacity and wealth of the country, and we hope the concrete principle of replacement will be preferred by the Government to the abstract principle of reimbursement.

NEW BOOKS

Buchler, W.—Money in Exports. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 5 in. Pp. 221. 10s. 6d. Useful Publications, 524 Mansion House Chambers, London, E.C.4. [Into this small volume has been incorporated a wealth of information on a wide variety of subjects connected with export markets. The author has succeeded in drawing a clear picture of business conditions in many countries so that the exporter will be able to avoid pitfalls and develop his overseas business in the most efficient way. While a number of the countries described in the book cannot, under present circumstances, carry on normal trade, a knowledge of their requirements is none the less useful.]

Britton, H. T. S.—Chemistry, Life and Civilisation. Second Edition. $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. \times $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. Pp. 266. 5s. Chapman & Hall, Ltd., II Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2. [This is a cheaper edition of a work which gives a popular account of the importance of chemistry in modern civilisation. The author describes in a fascinating style the part which chemistry has played in the development not only of industrial processes but in nutrition, health, modern means of housing, transport, entertainment, etc. An explanation of the elementary principles of chemistry given in the first few chapters should make the book intelligible to those without previous knowledge of the subject who wish to learn about the world and things around them. Those who are about to embark upon the study of chemistry will find that the book contains much to stimulate their interest in the subject. In a supplement covering sixteen pages the author has included notes on, among other things, recent advances on vitamins, chemotherapeutic drugs, synthetic rubber and artificial wool.]

Crumpler, T. B., and Yeo, J. H.—Chemical Computations and Errors. 9½ in. × 6 in. Pp. 247. 18s. John Wiley & Sons, New York; Chapman & Hall, Ltd., 11 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2. [The primary purpose of this volume is to furnish students specialising in chemistry with a supplementary work in any of the several courses in a regular chemical curriculum. Students who use the book to correlate material covered in their courses in mathematics, chemistry and physics will find the numerous examples which are worked out of considerable practical assistance, and those who need to refresh their knowledge of logarithms, exponential numbers, slide rule and rules for computation, etc., will find these matters dealt with in the earlier chapters. Measurement of errors has been presented from the viewpoint of the chemist rather than that of the statistical mathematician. Among the other subjects treated in the volume are interpolation and extrapolation; theory and classification and errors; curve fitting, etc.]

MEDICAL ABSTRACTS

Benzedrine in Morphine Addiction.—H. C. Duckworth ("British Medical Journal," November 9, p. 628,) records his experience that the convalescent stage immediately following the complete withdrawal of morphine from an addict is often the stage at which the seeds of relapses are sown. Administration of benzedrine during early convalescence was found invaluable in combating the physical and mental inertia common during recovery from drug addiction. The author's reasons for trying out this drug were his conclusion that once a patient had been cut off from morphine there would be precipitated an "allergic response" owing to disturbance of the vago-sympathetic balance, while it had been suggested that morphine addiction was an example of allergy. As stimulation of the sympathetic and central nervous systems was desirable in order to restore the already disturbed vago-sympathetic balance, benzedrine was to be preferred to adrenaline. In a case reported on, a remarkable feature was the complete absence of physical and mental inertia. There was no inclination for the patient to fall back on alcohol as a stimulant, and the benzedrine did not produce insomnia or cause loss of appetite.

Treatment of Pruritus.—The treatment of this disorder is dealt with by Furniss in a communication to the "Prescriber" (October, 1940, p. 220). The author describes the affection as a true sensory neurosis due to some functional disorder of the related nerves, independently of any source of irritation on the surface. treatment includes careful regulation of the patient's diet, excluding or reducing alcohol, tea, coffee and meat, and avoiding all highly seasoned, salted or preserved food. White meats, green vegetables and light milk puddings should form the bill of fare, and nothing should be drunk except mineral waters. The author recommends effervescent magnesium sulphate for regulating the bowels. Hot alkaline baths consisting of bicarbonate of soda, 2 to 10 oz. in 30 gall. of water; potassium carbonate, 2 to 6 oz. in the same quantity of water; or borax, 3 oz. in the same amount of water, may be used. Bran baths consisting of bran, 2 to 6 lb., potato starch, 1 lb., or linseed, 1 lb., in 30 gall. of water are sometimes used. An excellent bath is made by adding 4 oz. of colloidal sulphur to 20 gall. of water. The baths should be taken warm, and the skin may afterwards be rubbed with a lather of medicated soap or smeared with a soothing ointment. Among useful lotions mentioned by the author are the following:-

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In local treatment, any sources of irritation should be discovered and removed. In all cases of pruritus ani, after cleaning the rugose folds of skin around the anus, one of the following should be applied: either (a) calamine lotion made with one drachm of ichthyol to the oz. and 25 per cent. witch hazel solution, or (b) percainal ointment (Ciba), or (c) phenolein ointment. In severe cases infiltration superficially and deeply around the anus with 2 to 5 c.c. of proctocaine will usually succeed. Other remedies include painting the part two or three times a week with silver nitrate and injection of amino-benzoic acid.

Vitamin B₆ in Human Nutrition.—American workers described in 1939 a syndrome in a small number of cases characterised by extreme nervousness, insomnia, irritability, abdominal pain, weakness and difficulty in walking, which disappeared dramatically following the intravenous administration of 50 mgm. of synthetic vitamin B6 (pyridoxin). Recently Spies and others have made further studies of vitamin Be deficiencies in human beings, paying special attention to the urinary excretion of the substance ("Journal of the American Medical Associa-1940, II, 839). They have shown that within one hour following the intravenous injection of 50 mgm. of pyridoxin the average urinary excretion of this material was 7.9 per cent. in normal persons and 8.6 per cent. in pellagrins who at the time they were studied did not have active vitamin deficiency. Nine ambulatory patients with clinical evidence of either pellagra, beriberi or riboflavin deficiency excreted an average of 0.5 per cent. of the 50 mgm. of pyridoxin injected, with a range of from 1.5 to 0.0 per cent. The four patients in this group suspected of having a vitamin B_6 deficiency showed the lowest excretion of any studied, averaging only 0.2 per cent. Three patients with clinical deficiency disease who were hospitalised and restricted to a diet deficient in vitamin B₆ excreted almost none of the injected pyridoxin. This observation indicates that absorption of vitamin B_6 is partly dependent on the diet. The results show that vitamin B_6 is important in human nutrition and give strong support to the hypothesis that clinical deficiency diseases occur not as single entities but as complexities.

Sulphathiazole in Pneumonia.—Preliminary trials with sulphathiazole or 2 (p-aminobenzenesulphonamido) thiazole (M. & B. 760) in ten cases of pneumococcal lobar pneumonia have been carried out by Gaisford and Whitelaw, who record their observations in the "Lancet," October 12, p. 451. Alternate adult hospital patients who were used as controls were given sulphapyridine. A method of investigation similar to that employed for the authors' study of sulphapyridrine was adopted namely, strict clinical criteria of diagnosis, x-ray examination, sputur typing and daily blood-counts. In addition full biochemical examinations were carried out. The dosage of sulphathiazole used was similar to that with sulphapyridine—namely, 2 gm. (four tablets) on admission and repeated four-hourly for three doses and then I gm. four-hourly for twenty-four to thirty-six hours, as necessary, ending the course with one tablet three times or twice during the final twenty-four hours after the temperature had fallen to normal. The average total dosage was 14.5 gm. From their results the authors conclude that sulphathiazole less prompt fall in temperature. With this temperature lag there is a correspondingly longer period of acute illness. This renders sulphapyridine the drug of choice in severe cases. They consider that the chief point in favour of sulphathiazole is that it does not cause vomiting It is possible, they suggest, that a combination of sulphapyridine and sulphathiazole may come to be a valuable routine in the treatment of pneumonia, the first large doses given being sulphapyridine (e.g., the first eight tablets) and the following ones sulphathiazole.

An Analgesic Tannic-acid Jelly.—Experiments to produce a tannic-acid jelly incorporating an analgesic and suitable for use ir warships are described by J. F. and R. M. Heggie in the "Lancet' (September 28, p. 391). The authors realised that tannic acid precipitates alkaloids in solution but considered that the reaction would be less rapid in a jelly. They therefore prepared a jelly containing 0·5 per cent of quinine and urea hydrochloride, with 0·1 per cent. of proflaving sulphate. Slow precipitation took place, and chlorbutol 2 per cent and procaine 2 per cent. were substituted in separate preparations. Chlorbutol gave little relief. Procaine gave relief lasting about an hour and has been used more frequently. The formula for the jelly there became:—

The preparation is put up in collapsible tubes or, in hospital, stored in wide-necked well-stoppered bottles. In the majority of infected burns reaching the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where the work was carried out, the predominating organism was Staphylococcus pyogenes aureus. The jelly was also made up with methyl violet on per cent. instead of

proflavine sulphate.

When the skin was erythematous and blisters had formed, the jelly was smeared over the affected area and well over the margin on to healthy skin. Two thicknesses of gauze were then applied intimately, another two were added, and with a thickness of wool the whole was bandaged and left for about a week. On removal of the dressing the consistence of the jelly had altered according to the amount of evaporation and varied from that of an unguent to peeling flakes. Practically no damage was done to the tissues by removal of the gauze, which came away easily. In areas over which blisters had formed the hygroscopic action of the glycerin had caused the blister fluid to be withdrawn into the dressing; the wrinkled superficial epithelium covered the area. The surrounding skin was slightly dyed. None of the burns became infected. On broken skin the jelly was applied in the same way as on unbroken. Where the blisters had ruptured a good tan-coagulum formed. This was separated at the end of ten to fourteen days, and the skin beneath, though thin, was soundly healed. The gauze incorporated in the coagulum facilitated its removal. None of the burns became infected, but the tanned area, wherever joints were not involved, formed a continuous sheet; consequently there were no cracks. In two cases the burns affected the extensor and flexor aspects of the wrist. In these cases no wool was used over the gauze dressings. The jelly dried fairly quickly, a good coagulum formed, and cracks developed. Owing to the constricting effect of the tan on burns encircling fingers and hands completely, the tannic-acid jelly has not been used on such parts. Instead, the authors recommend the use of a jelly of the following composition:-

Apart from the antiseptic and analgesic qualities of the jelly, the hygroscopic action of the glycerin in withdrawing the blister fluid is beneficial in making resorption of this fluid impossible. Bacterial growth is diminished by this action and by increased penetration and concentration of the antiseptic dye.

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THE MARKETS DURING 1940

HE first complete year of the present war will long be remembered by hose engaged in commerce and industry as one during which more hanges occurred than during any other similar period in the country's ng industrial history. At the beginning of the year, industry had ecome more or less accustomed to wartime conditions, and was eccepting in the most commendable spirit the many rules and regulations enacted in the best interests of the community as a whole. About alf-way through the year, the tempo of the conflict suddenly quickened, nd in the succeeding few months dramatic and far-reaching events ompletely changed the commercial outlook. For a time it appeared hat the situation confronting the country was one of extreme delicacy, ut gradually resistance to the enemy stiffened, and the advent of a new ear finds Great Britain and the Empire prepared for all eventualities.

One of the outstanding features of modern warfare is the extremely nportant part played by the industrial resources of the belligerent ations, and in this respect the position of Great Britain is one of onsiderable and growing strength. At the commencement of the war of 1914-18, the country's chemical industry was comparatively ill-quipped when measured against the vast technical resources of ermany. Since that time, however, the British chemical industry has hown a remarkable degree of expansion, with the result that in 1940 very essential national requirement was adequately met from home ources. Some indication of the present strength of the British chemical ndustry may be gathered from official figures recently published, which how that in the eleven months ended November 30, 1940, exports of ritish chemicals, including drugs, dyes and colours, reached the high gure of £26 millions, and showed the largest gain for any group of xported articles over the same period. In the coming year it may be hat certain difficulties, which were not present during the earlier part f 1940, may interfere to some extent with the maintenance of such high export figures, and the industry may be called upon to exercise n even greater effort in the national cause. In the field of pharmaceutical chemicals British industry has never been in a stronger position han it is today. During the past year it has produced a wide range of charmaceutical and medicinal chemicals of the highest quality and at ompetitive prices. Aspirin, bromides, bismuth salts, iodides, mercurials, examine, phenacetin, phenolphthalein and salicylates are among the eading pharmaceutical products supplied by British makers. It can e stated that the general average increase in prices of British makers' harmaceutical and medicinal products has been negligible compared vith the advances in values of imported material during 1914-18. Without question the country has been amply repaid for any additional mounts consumers may have had to pay in the past on account of Key Industry Duties. Dutiable products have mostly been in good supply throughout the year at very reasonable prices.

During the year under review a number of important revisions in the ales values of pharmaceutical chemicals were recorded, and details of these were published in the C. & D. as they occurred. Early in April, makers of bismuth salts issued a revised scale of sales prices, and at the nd of May values of subgallate and subnitrate were further advanced. The withdrawal of current bromides prices was notified in October, and n the following month a new schedule showing advanced prices was ssued. As a result of the acute position of the raw material, makers of metine hydrochloride decided early in the year to withdraw their prices, and by February a substantial increase had occurred. At the ncreased figure, however, the sales prices were still below the parity cost of the raw material, and a further advance was notified at the end of May. Towards the end of January an interesting position arose in connexion with the issue, by the Ministry of Supply, of the Control of Mercury (No. 3) Order, 1940, with a revised schedule of maximum sales prices for mercurials and vermilion. From the figures specified by the epartment, it appeared that the revised maximum sales prices had been calculated on a metal value considerably lower than the current uotation. Soon afterwards, however, the scale was revised, allowing makers of mercury compounds to obtain prices that better compensated them for substantial increases in costs of production. Three advances were recorded in mercury iodides during the year. At the end of January makers of methylated ethers notified a slight increase in prices, chiefly on account of an advance in spirits; two further advances occurred during the year. As a consequence of higher values of crude iodine, makers of iodides issued, early in January, new scales of prices that took into account the increased cost of the raw material. Makers' scales of prices for aspirin and aspirin tablets remained steady and unchanged throughout the year. British makers' sales prices for citric and tartaric acids and cream of tartar remained nominal, with supplies restricted, and dealers had little to offer. Among products for which price increases were notified by makers during the year were the following: Atropine, homatropine and pilocarpine (June); borax and boric acid (November); citrates (January); codeine (April); potassium permanganate (March); Rochelle salts (February, April and June); Sodium salicylate (May); strychnine salts (April and May); and vanillin (October). Reports indicate that products in the wide range of British-made photographic chemicals have continued to sell in increasing quantities. Several price changes have been notified for these products during the year, including advances for sodium hyposulphite (April); sodium sulphite (April) and metol (July and November). Benzoic acid and sodium benzoate show increases in value, and supplies are likely to be limited for some time to come. Values of barbitone and sodium barbitone have remained fairly steady, and convention prices for santonin and saccharin continued unchanged throughout the year. It should again be noted that no Government control is exercised on either the wholesale or the retail prices of saccharin.

The past year has been one of exceptional difficulty for dealers in crude drugs, though, from the onlooker's point of view, it has been one of the most interesting in the long history of the London drug markets. Many familiar crude drugs seem to have dropped out of the picture altogether, and others have been available in only limited quantities and at prices far in excess of their pre-war values. The cause of the present difficult position of many crude drugs is twofold; first, elimination of normal sources of supply as a direct result of enemy occupation or control; and secondly, the need for conservation of shipping space from countries still approachable as centres of supply. During the twelve months under review, imports of crude drugs from Norway, Belgium, Holland, France and Italy ceased altogether. Though stocks of many of the products concerned may be held by manufacturers, open-market quotations for them are no longer available. An attempt to meet the situation may be seen in the recommendations of the therapeutic trials committee of the Medical Research Council (C. & D., 1940. II, 186), which deliberated on what drugs, normally imported from abroad, could be regarded as non-essential in war-time, so that economies in prescribing could be effected and cargo space saved. Many familiar crude drugs of commerce were among those deemed non-essential, and though no obligation was placed on the prescriber not to use these drugs, it is probable that the committee's recommendations will have an important influence on the issue of import licences. The ultimate effect of the Committee's recommendations may, indeed, be cessation, for the duration of the war, of imports of the vegetable drugs concerned, and increased use in medical practice of a wide range of newer, synthetic remedies that the British chemical industry finds no difficulty in supplying. The possibility of replacing some of the crude drugs, formerly imported and now in short supply, by cultivation of the plants in this country has been considered, but the process must necessarily be slow and unlikely to affect the situation to any marked extent at present. Several important drugs, such as belladonna, henbane, digitalis, etc., are already cultivated in this country by well-known growers (C. & D., 1940, II, 61 and 69), but their yield is still insufficient to meet all requirements. Cultivation of medicinal plants on a large scale within the British Empire has also been suggested, and this appears to be an attractive proposition on account of the wide variety of climates and soils available. Here again, however, the process must be slow, and unlikely to improve supplies materially for some time to come

An examination of the prices published week by week in the C. & DTrade Report shows an upward swing during 1940 in the values of many crude drugs. Japanese agar, for example, was quoted in January at about 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. per lb. for Kobe No. 1 material. At the close of the year, business was being done in this product at 17s. per lb., with not much available at this high figure. In aloes, the Cape variety remained steady, while Curaçao, which had previously reached a high figure, showed a further increase of only about 10 per cent. position of antimony has changed considerably during the year, and prices were lower at the close than at the start; demand for the product has been less than was anticipated, and the year closed with the markets in a quiet condition. In January, the spot market for balsam of tolu stood at about 5s. 6d. per lb., and throughout the year increases in value were noted until the present price of about 8s. 3d. per lb. was reached. A similar rise was observed in Canada balsam, which commenced the year at a spot quotation of 4s. 6d. per lb., and reached a figure of approximately 7s. 6d. per lb. by December. No open-market quotations have been available for imported belladonna root and eaves for some time, but in December some Indian root was stated to be available at a fairly reasonable price. Buchu has had a poorish year though values have remained steady throughout. There is not much material in London, and no offers of new-crop have as yet been forthcoming. Japanese camphor was quoted at the opening at about 5s. per lb. for tablets and about 4s. 6d. per lb. for slabs. Demand continued fairly good throughout, values at the close of the year showing an advance of about is. per lb. Little interest appears to have been taken in cardamoms, and quotations for all varieties remained steady throughout. While the value of cascara sagrada at the close showed an increase over the opening figures, the upward tendency has not been pronounced. As a result of the German invasion of Norway early in the year, supplies of Norwegian cod liver oil were cut off from the British market. many years, this had accounted for a large consumption of this important

product. As a measure of compensation for the serious loss of this valuable natural source of vitamins A and D, steps were taken to permit the introduction of a vitaminised oil, and this new preparation became official in the Second Addendum to the B.P. on June 14. The most spectacular price movement of the year under review was undoubtedly the remarkable decline in values of Spanish-Portuguese ergot. At the opening, this drug was quoted for shipment at the high price of 22s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f., with a little on spot at about the same figure. These high prices continued for some months until July, when shipment values fell sharply, reaching by August the low level of 7s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f. A rather firmer tendency became evident later, and by the end of the year about 7s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f., was being quoted, with spot at about 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per lb., or about one-third of the opening value. Towards the end of the year, rapidly advancing prices were noted for West African ginger, the closing price of 75s. per cwt. being more than double the January quotation. Values of other varieties of this product have also increased considerably. The market for Sudan gum acacia has not been particularly active, and values have remained fairly steady throughout; shipment prices at the close were considerably lower than those given for January. An Order fixing the maximum prices importers may pay for honey came into force on October 7. Under this Order, imports of honey are controlled on a quota system, the object being to maintain an economic price at the point of importation, and, by this means, to protect the consumer in this country. Business in Matto Grosso ipecacuanha has been fairly steady throughout, and spot prices have not varied to any marked extent. An official announcement, made in July, that the B.P. standard for alkaloidal content of ipecacuanha root was to be amended, resulted in an increased demand for the higher-testing parcels of the Minas variety which, under the amended monograph, became admitted to official recognition. The opening and closing London prices of the year for Japanese menthol are about level, and the margin of fluctuation has been small throughout. The Chinese product has increased in value from about 16s. per lb. in January to about 20s. per lb. in December. There is no appreciable difference in the opening and closing prices of rhubarb, good-quality rough-round gaining in value by about 1s. per lb. Quoted values of senega remained stable throughout the year. High prices have been maintained for all grades of tragacanth, but business has been fairly quiet. At the close of the year a scarcity of the finer grades resulted in a rise in values of other qualities. Carnauba wax is quoted substantially dearer on the

In normal circumstances dealers in essential oils are almost entirely dependent on overseas sources of supply. During the past year, importers of these products have found themselves deprived of one source after another, e.g. Holland (caraway and nutmeg oils), France (perfumery essential oils) and Italy (citrus oils). Most of the essential

oils sold in this country are used in perfumery, in flavouring or in manufacture of medicinal preparations. The present position, as it affects the pharmacist, is fairly satisfactory when it is recognised that a large proportion of the essential oils used by him are obtained from places outside enemy or enemy-occupied territory. The perfumer, however, is less fortunate, since a number of essential oils entering into the composition of his products are no longer available. Alternative sources of supply can be found for some oils, and for others a wide range of British-made substitutes is now available. Cananga, cajuput. citronella, patchouli, vetivert and a secondary ylang are produced in the Dutch East Indies, so that a continuation of supplies of these oils may be expected. Patchouli and citronella are also obtainable from Empire sources; and a good grade of ylang is produced in Manila. Lemon and orange are available from the United States, while Tanganyika is stated to be largely replacing Italy as a supplier of bitterorange oil. The position of geranium and lavender oils appears to be somewhat more difficult, as the quantity produced outside French colonial territory is so far negligible, when compared with the total consumption.

Prices of most essential oils have been well maintained throughout the year, and in some instances values have reached considerably higher levels. For example, star anise oil, which at the opening was quoted on spot at about 4s. 6d. per lb., reached 6s. 3d. per lb. at the close. Spot values of bay increased only slightly, but cassia showed a substantial advance. Spot prices of both Ceylon and Java citronella oil have remained fairly stable. Fluctuations in the values of Australian eucalyptus throughout the year have been negligible. Following the entry of Italy into the war, supplies of bergamot and Sicilian lemon oils were cut off, and values became a matter for negotiation between spot holders and buyers. The absence of imports from Italian sources of both these citrus oils has undoubtedly stimulated production of artificial substitutes, particularly in the case of bergamot, which enters into the composition of a large number of perfumery products. While it is difficult exactly to match the characteristic smoothness and sweetness of this oil, it must be admitted that some remarkably good "copies" have been achieved by British manufacturers. With minor adjustments to working formulas to incorporate the artificial product, there appears to be no reason why the loss of supplies of the natural oil should cause any concern. Spot and forward prices of lemongrass tended to decline during the first part of the year, but later the position showed some firmness, and by December values were level with those recorded for January. Both French Guinea and Californian orange oils showed increases on the year. As might be expected in view of the long sea journey and present difficulties of transport, values of Japanese peppermint oil have shown a steady increase throughout the year. The Chinese product has also appreciated in value during this period.

COMMERCIAL NOTES

U.S.A. Creosote Oil Imports.—The following table shows imports of creosote oil for the first six months of 1040:—

Country of Shipment					Gall.	Value (\$)	
Belgium					16,452	1,659	
Jnited Kingdo	m				16,027,500	1,603,954	
Japan				!	2,505,550	211,646	
Canada					201,862	25,415	
Kwantung					367,500	32,483	

Chemical Imports into Burma.—Imports of chemicals into Burma during the twelve months ended March 31 were valued at Rupees 2,918,000, compared with a value of Rs. 2,216,000 in the previous twelve months. Imports of drugs and medicines totalled Rs. 2,319,000 and Rs. 2,216,000 in the two years.

Exports of Carnauba Wax from Brazil.—The following table shows exports of carnauba wax from Brazil during the three years 1937-39:—

Country	of Desti	nation	1937 Kilos	1938 Kilos	1939 Kilos	
United States			 	6,129,382	5,930,985	7,430,181
United Kingdom			 	1,550,854	1.994,168	1,668,971
France			 	459,503	452,251	281,951
Germany			 	337,146	248,242	127,823
Belgium and Luxem	ourg		 	110,190	46,222	41,847
Italy			 	82,038	77,171	22,894
Japan			 	45,619	15,364	81,709
Canada			 	44,814	30,394	44,875
Union of South Afric	a		 	44,250	58,189	37,967
Other countries			 	138,042	304,767	262,754
Total			 	8,941,838	9,157,753	10,000,972

Turkish Foreign Trade.—During the first nine months of 1940, imports into Turkey included drugs and chemicals to the value of £T881, compared with £T1,248 in the corresponding period of 1939. Export figures during the same period included beeswax (£T415 and £T256); olive oil (£T5,675 and £T1,144); opium (£T3,112 and £T1,426); mercury and salts (£T22 and £T27); and liquorice (£T482 and £T786).

British North Borneo Imports.—During the first six months of 1940 imports of medicines into British North Borneo were valued at \$125,198 against \$88,209 in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Bulgarian Rose Oil.—Production of Bulgarian rose oil during the 1940 season is estimated to have amounted to 1,600 kilos, against 3,600 kilos during the previous season. Unfavourable weather conditions delayed production, and distillation took place in June.

U.S.A. Nicotine Sulphate Exports.—Exports of nicotine sulphate from the United States (in lb.) during the past five years are shown in the following table:—

Country of Destination	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Belgium		4,250	_	_	-
France	_	656	11,000	_	_
Germany	. —	24,243	-	20,440	_
Norway	10,851	15,090	10,090	11,328	10,000
United Kingdom	7,000	1,888	_	2,000	_
Canada	22,887	34,114	56,270	108,303	109,772
Mexico	8,493	6,514	10,589	9,567	8,061
Cuba	= 0=0	5,516	1,200	9,702	3,146
Argentine		9,410	14,525	11,500	15,500
Brazil		4,910	5,068		
Peru	#0"	-	200	500	4,105
Uruguay		1,000	1,450		1,000
China	10	15,000	190	_	12
Japan	-06 -0-	261,746	255,657	201,923	233,398
Australia	T 0 005	88,453	94,836	90,631	68,676
New Zealand	OT MON	24,936	39,567	29,877	33,150
Egypt:		38,143		_	_
Union of South Africa	. 0	2,672	1,934	1,681	5,432
Other countries	-6 -6	2,487	3,863	3,564	8,570
Total	369,117	541,028	517,439	501,016	500,822
Value	C D	\$272,440	\$317,317	\$303,518	\$302,629

Honduras Import Restrictions.—An Order has been issued restricting the importation into British Honduras of numerous articles including aerated and mineral waters, natural and artificial; chemicals, chemical preparations and substances; raw and boiled linseed oils; perfumed oils; perfumed and toilet preparations; soap; spices; spirits; cameras.

TRADE REPORT

ot quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs, essential oils, etc., represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard tality. C.i.f. shipment quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges which arise in the present emergency

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DNDITIONS in most markets during the past week have been rather quieter, it the general tone is steady. Business is largely confined to orders for modest lantities. In the Pharmaceutical Chemicals markets there is little to mment upon. The amount of business passing has been moderately good, of prices are fully steady for all products. Caffeine and Theobromine ntinue firm, with supplies limited. Makers of Strychnine salts recently ptified advances in prices, which are as first given in last week's issue. Lephonal is reported to be in limited supply, and prices are firm.

ude Drugs

A moderate volume of business continues in these products, and values are lly maintained, with some prices moving up. A fair inquiry is noted for tar. Business in Curaçao Aloes continues along routine lines, but supplies e rather limited on spot. Antimony continues to be quoted at the lower dues recently recorded. Spot supplies of Buchu continue limited, and the arket is firm. Rather more spot inquiry is noted for Cascara sagrada, it stocks are reported to be low. Cochineal is steady on a quiet market, here is not much business moving in Ergot; spot is quoted a fraction dearer, it shipment is unchanged. French Gentian root is no longer available, id supplies of Spanish are reported to be exhausted. The upward tendency the price of Ginger has continued. Spot values of Sudan Gum acacia e dearer. Hydrastis is quoted at a slightly reduced rate. A small spot is passing in Matto Grosso Ipecacuanha, and values are fully mainined; Minas is again firmer. Prices of Menthol are firm. The London of quotation for Mercury is unaltered. Pimento is quoted dearer on spot. Rubarb continues in good demand, but there appears to be little left on ot. Senega is firm and dearer on spot. Tragacanth is quiet, but quoted ot values are dearer owing to scarcity of the finer grades of gum. Beeswax quoted dearer on spot.

ssential Oils

A limited trade in these products is reported, with values steady. English spressed Almond remains at the advanced prices recorded recently; French ter is unchanged. Increased spot values are noted for Anise (star). Bay fully steady as quoted. Bois de rose tends dearer on spot. Firm prices defor Cassia, spot values showing a considerable advance over last week's sures. Prices of Ceylon Citronella are inclined to be dearer, but interest this product has been small. Clove is in fair demand, and values are fully aintained. Firm conditions are noted for Lemongrass, and shipment prices tow an advance. Chinese Peppermint has been in good demand, but spot ocks now appear to be limited.

Exchange Rates on London

The following is a list of the chief Continental and other exchange rates at a opening on Wednesday morning:—

Centre	Quoted	Par	January 1	January 8	
elgian Congo uenos Aires tva isbon adrid ontreal ew York hanghai tockholm okohama urich	Francs to £ Paper pesos to £ Florins to £ Escudos to £ Pesetas to £ Dollars to £ Per dollar Kronor to £ Per yen Francs to £	nominal 12·107 110 25·24½ { 4·86¾ nominal 18·150 2s. 22·2115	1768* 1702* 7-60* 10000* 40-50 official 46-55 voluntary 4-45* 4-03* 3\frac{1}{2}d. 16-90* 1s. 2\frac{1}{2}d. 17-35*	176§* 17'02* 7'60* 10'00* 40'50 official 46'55 voluntary 4 45* 4'93* 3\frac{1}{2}d. 16'90* 1s. 2\frac{1}{3}d. 17'35*	

^{*} Rate fixed by Bank of England. Bank rate, 2 per cent.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals, etc.

ONDITIONS show little change. Business is proceeding quietly, with values teady. Strychnine salts are at the advance given in these columns last week.

ACETANILIDE.—In quiet demand; price steady. Spot, B.P.C. crystals and owder, quoted at from 2s. 4d. to 2s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

AMIDOPYRINE.—Dealers find business quiet. Crystals, one-cwt. lots, 27s. er lb.; smaller lots, up to 30s. per lb.; powder, 3d. per lb. extra.

Aspirin.—Makers' scales of prices continue steady:—

One atitus		In containers of							
Quantity	ı lb.	2 lb.	4 lb.	7 lb.	14 lb.	28 lb.			
I lb. and under 4 lb. 4 lb. and under 7 lb. 7 lb. and under 14 lb. 4 lb. and under 18 lb. 8 lb. and under 10 cwt. 6 lb. set under 1 cwt. 6 lb. set stan 1 cwt. 6 lb. set stan 5 cwt. 6 less than 1 cwt.	3 921 3 821 3 721 3 621 2 112	s. d. 3 9 3 8 3 7 3 6 3 5 2 10 2 9 ¹ / ₂ 2 8 ¹ / ₂	s. d. 3 74 3 62 3 54 3 44 2 944 2 84	s. d. 3 64 3 54 3 41 2 94 2 83 2 73	s. d. 	s. d. 3 3½ 2 8½ 2 8			

^{* 8 × 14} lb. and upwards in one delivery, ½d. per lb. less.

Sale is subject to an undertaking on part of buyer not to re-sell any quantity at prices or erms below scale for such quantity current at time re-sale is made, and, if aspirin is converted ito tablets, not to sell any number at prices or terms below scale current at time of sale.

Atropine.—No revision in makers' prices: Alkaloid, 21s. per oz.; 4 oz.' 20s. 6d., and 25 oz., 20s. per oz. Sulphate, 16s. 6d. per oz.; 4 oz., 16s., and 25 oz., 15s. 6d. per oz. Bottles, under 5 gm. or ‡ oz., corked, 3d.; stoppered, 5d.; 5 gm. to 25 gm. or ‡ oz. to 1 oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 6d.; 25 gm. or 1 oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 7½d.; 50 gm. or 2 oz., corked, 4d.; stoppered, 9d. each; 100 gm. and over, included in price; tubes, per 100, 5-gr., 10s. 6d.; 10-gr., 12s. 3d.; 15-gr., 14s.

Barbitone.—Steady at former values. One cwt., 22s. per lb.; 28 lb., 23s.; smaller quantities, 26s. per lb.

BISMUTH SALTS.—Steady at makers' former quotations:—

					Under 4 lb.	4 lb. and under 8 lb.	8 lb. and under 28 lb.	28 lb. and under 1 cwt.	Not less than r cwt.	
Carbonate Citrate Nitrate, crys Oxide Salicylate Subchloride Subgallate Subnitrate	t.				s. d. 11 3 13 4 7 7 15 4 11 9 14 11 11 11	s. d. 10 9 12 10 7 1 14 10 11 3 14 5 11 5 9 5	s. d. 10 0 12 1 6 4 14 1 10 6 13 8 10 8 8 8	s. d. 8 7 10 4 5 7 12 0 9 0 11 8 9 2 7 6	s. d. 8 4 10 1 5 4 11 9 8 9 11 5 8 11 7 3	

Rebate of threepence per lb. allowed off 1-cwt. prices on sales of not less than 2 cwt., or against contracts of not less than 2 cwt., provided whole of contract quantity is ordered within three months. Prices net. Payments in fourteen days. For quantities of 28 lb. and upwards, in the home trade, an extra charge of threepence per lb. is made for 1-lb. cartons and 1-lb. parcels, even when repacking into 1-lb. cartons or 1-lb. parcels is effected by the purchaser. Smaller quantities than 28 lb. are not subject to this extra charge. Under present conditions all prices and sale terms are named without engagement.

Borax (B.P.).—Makers' prices are unchanged: Granulated, £34; crystals, £35; powder, £35 10s. per ton, in 1-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, in minimum one-ton lots. Commercial qualities, £8 per ton less.

Boric acid (B.P.).—Makers' prices steady: Granulated, £50 ios.; crystals, £51 ios. per ton, for minimum one-ton lots, in cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain. Commercial qualities, £8 per ton less.

Bromides.—Makers' prices are unchanged:—

	 In parcels of					
Potassium	ı lb.	2 lb.	4 lb.	7 lb.	14 lb.	28 lb.
I lb. and under 4 lb. 4 lb. and under 7 lb. 7 lb. and under 14 lb. 14 lb. and under 28 lb. 28 lb. and under 1 cwt. 1 cwt. 5 cwt.	 s. d. 3 II 3 IO 3 9 3 8 3 7 3 0½ 2 II½	s. d. 3 9 ¹ / ₂ 3 8 ¹ / ₂ 3 7 ¹ / ₂ 3 6 ¹ / ₂ 3 5 ¹ / ₂ 2 11 2 10	s. d. 3 8 4 3 7 4 3 6 3 5 1 2 10 8 2 9 4	s. d. 3 6 4 3 3 5 4 3 4 3 4 3 2 10 4 2 9 4	s. d. 3 5½ 3 4½ 2 10 2 9	s. d.

Sodium 1d. per lb. extra; ammonium, 3d. per lb. extra; packing extra but returnable. Net carriage paid in the U.K., contracts over six months, each delivery against the contract to be charged at schedule rates current on the day of acceptance of each order calling up supplies ex contract or on date of dispatch of goods, whichever is higher. Usual re-sale terms apply.

CALCIUM LACTATE.—Small inquiry has been noted, and quotations are steady. Makers' quotation of is. 8d. per lb. for small quantities is unchanged.

CREOSOTE (BEECHWOOD).—Dealers are quoting bulk quantities, in 25-kilo demijohns, at approximately 7s. 6d. per lb.

EMETINE HYDROCHLORIDE.—Makers' prices continue unchanged at between 100s. and 104s. per oz., according to quantity.

ETHERS (METHYLATED).—Makers' prices are steady and unchanged, as follows:—

						Winchester	Not le	Drums,			
Sp	Specific Gravity and Grade .					quarts, per lb.	6 w. qts., per lb.	12 w. qts., per lb.	per lb.		
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Net prices, usual terms. Special prices for quantities and contracts, subject to rise-and-fa clause. Prices for anæsthetic ethers unchanged.

IODIDES.—Makers' scales of prices are steady: Potassium B.P., not less than I cwt., 8s.; 28 lb., 8s. 6d.; 14 lb., 9s. 2d.; 4 lb., 10s. 8d.; smaller quantities, IIs. 2d. per lb. Sodium, B.P., not less than 28 lb., 8s. 10d.; 14 lb., 9s. 4d.; 7 lb., 10s. 9d.; 4 lb., IIs. 5d.; smaller quantities, IIs. 3d. per lb. Iodine, B.P., resub., not less than I cwt., 9s. 2d.; 28 lb., 9s. 7d.; 14 lb., 10s. 2d.; 7 lb., IIs. 7d.; 4 lb., 12s. 3d.; smaller quantities, IIs. per lb. Iodio, 2d.; 7 lb., IIs. 7d.; 4 lb., 12s. 3d.; smaller quantities, IIs. per lb. Iodio, 11s. 10d.; 7 lb., 13s. 9d.; 4 lb., 14s. 7d.; smaller quantities, IIs. 5d. per lb. Contracts for I cwt. and upwards (assorted if desired) for delivery as required during three months, with the following clause: Price applicable to any delivery is that in force on date of dispatch. One-cwt. cases charged extra;

28-lb. tins 2s. each and non-returnable. All bottles charged for but credited 28-lb. tins 2s. each and non-returnable. All bottles charged for but credited in full if received back carriage paid in good condition within three months. Carriage paid on any quantity. Assorted quantities charged for at collective total prices on orders for 14 lb. and upwards. It is a condition of sale that buyers undertake not to re-sell any quantity at prices or terms below scale for such quantity current at time re-sale is made.

LACTIC ACID.—Business is moderate and the prices are as follows: Onecwt. carboys, about is. 8½d. per lb.; winchesters and bottles, about is. 9d. to 2s. per lb., ex store, according to quantity.

METHYL SULPHONAL.—Quiet; dealers' prices are unchanged at about 40s. to 42s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

Paraldehyde.—Quantities, in one-cwt. carboys, are quoted at about 11d. to is, per lb.

Phenacetin.—Makers' prices are unaltered. Ordinary quantities, about s. 9d. to 4s. per lb., without engagement. Dealers' prices would be around 8s. 6d. per lb.

Phenazone.—Business quiet, with dealers' quotations unchanged. Bulk quantities, about 17s. 6d. per lb.; smaller lots, up to 22s. per lb.

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—No change in makers' prices: Less than 7 lb., 3s. 8d. per lb.; 7 lb., 3s. 7d.; 14 lb., 3s. 6d.; 28 lb., 3s. 5d.; one cwt., 3s. 4d.

Photographic chemicals.—The following are home makers' prices: Sodium hyposulphite.—5 cwt., 20s.; 1 cwt., 23s.; 56 lb. for 12s. 6d.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Sodium carbonate, recryst.—5 cwt., 13s. 9d.; 1 cwt., 17s.; 56 lb. Iof 6s. 6d. Sobium Carbonate, recryst.—5 cwt., 13s. 9d.; 1 cwt., 17s.; 56 lb. for 12s. 6d.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Alum (Photographic Quality).—1 cwt., 23s.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Glycin.—7 lb., 13s. 6d.; in 1-lb. bottles, 14s. 6d. Potassium ferricyanide.—28 lb., 3s. 1d.; 14 lb., 3s. 3d.; 7 lb., 3s. 6d.; less than 7 lb., 3s. 9d. per lb.; 1-lb. bottles, 4s. 3d.; 8-oz. bottles, 2s. 6d.; 4-oz., 1s. 5d.; 1-oz., 1od. each. Amidol.—1 cwt., 8s. 6d.; 56 lb., 8s. 9d.; 28 lb., 9s. per lb., net; 14 lb., 9s. 9d.; 7 lb., 1os. 6d.; less than 3 lb., 12s. 6d. per lb., 2½ per cent. monthly account. Bulk parcels and tins free. 1-lb. bottles, 6d. extra. Chloraumour, 1b bettles, 25 per lb. Hydrogenius 1 cmt. monthly account. Bulk parcels and tins free. I-lb. bottles, 6d. extra. Chlorguinol.—I-lb. bottles, 21s. per lb. Hydroquinone.—I cwt., 6s. 4½d.; 56 lb.,
6s., 7d.; 28 lb., 6s. Iod. per lb., net; I4 lb., 7s. 3d.; 7 lb., 7s. 6d.; less than
7 lb., 8s. per lb., less 2½ per cent. monthly account. Retail quantities: I6 oz.,
8s. 6d.; 8 oz., 4s. 6d.; 4 oz., 2s. 8d. Trade prices in bottles: I-lb. bottles,
8s. 6d. each; 8-oz. bottles, 4s. 6d. each; 4-oz. bottles, 2s. 8d. each; I-oz.
bottles, Is. Id. each, with retail selling prices 50 per cent. additional. Gold
chloride.—I5-grain tubes, 53s. per doz. Magnesium powder.—I1s. 9d. per
lb. Paramidophenol hydrochloride.—9s. per lb., bottles free. Potassium
METABLSULPHITE.—One cwt., Is. 3d.; 28 lb., Is. 6d.; I4 lb., Is. 7d.; 7 lb., Ib. Paramidophenol hydrochloride.—9s. per lb., bottles free. Potassium metablishes.—One cwt., 1s. 3d.; 28 lb., 1s. 6d.; 14 lb., 1s. 7d.; 7 lb., 1s. 9d.; 1 lb., 2s.; 16-oz. bottles, 2s. 6d.; 8-oz. bottles, 1s. 6d. each; 4-oz. bottles, 1s. each; 1-oz. bottles, 8d. each. Pyrocallic acid, cryst.—I cwt. and over, 11s. 3d.; 56 lb., 11s. 6d.; 28 lb., 12s., all net; 14 ld., 12s. 9d.; 7 lb., 13s. 9d.; under 7 lb., 14s. 6d. per lb., all 2½ per cent. monthly account. Small quantities, 1 lb., 15s.; 8 oz., 8s. 4d.; 4 oz., 4s. 8d.; 1 oz., 1s. 8d. Pyrocallic acid, resub.—28 lb., 13s. 6d. net; 14 lb., 14s. 3d.; 7 lb., 15s. 3d.; under 7 lb., 16s. per lb., all 2½ per cent. monthly account. Small quantities, 1 lb., 16s. 6d.; 8 oz., 9s.; 4 oz., 5s. 4d.; 1 oz., 2s. Sodium sulphitte, recryst.—One cwt., 24s. 6d. per cwt., 56 lb. for 13s. 3d.; 28 lb. for 7s. Metol.—I cwt., 15s.; 56 lb., 15s. 6d.; 28 lb., 16s. per lb., all net; 14 lb., 17s.; 7 lb., 18s.; under 3 lb., 19s. per lb., all 2½ per cent. monthly account. Bulk tins free; 1-lb. bottles, 6d. per lb. extra. Retail quantities: 16 oz., 19s. 6d.; 8 oz., 10s. 6d.; 4 oz., 5s. 6d.; 1 oz., 2s. 3d. It is a condition of sale by the manufacturers that material shall not be re-sold at prices lower than manufacturers' schedules ruling on date re-sale is made. schedules ruling on date re-sale is made.

SACCHARIN.—No alteration has occurred in the Convention price for 550 of 98s. 4d. per lb., duty paid. Neither wholesale nor retail prices are under Government control.

Salol.—Values continue firm at about 6s. 9d. to 7s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

STRYCHNINE SALTS.—Makers' prices per oz. are as follows:—

	Under 100 oz.	and	500 oz. and over		Under 100 oz.		500 oz. and over
Alkaloid, crystalline ,,, precipitated Acetate	s. d. 3 0 3 0 3 2½		2 9 2 II1		$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c } s. & d. \\ 2 & 9\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 7\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	s. d. 2 8 2 1½ 3 6	s. d. 2 6½ 2 0 3 4½
Arsenate Arsenite Bisulphate	3 I 3 2½ 2 4½	2 II ½ 3 I 2 3	2 IO 2 II 1/2 2 I 1/2	Sulphate, neutral, crystalline Sulphate, neutral,	2 6	2 41/2	2 3
Hydrochloride Hypophosphite Nitrate, crystalline	2 9½ 5 6 2 9½	2 8 5 42	2 61	Sulphate, neutral,	2 6 2 I	2 4½ 1 11½	

25-oz. containers and outer cases free; smaller packages extra. Contracts may be booked for quantities of 100 oz. and over, with rise-and-fall clause, for a period of six months. Terms net thirty days. Wholesale distributors' prices for small quantities would be dearer.

Sulphonal.—In small demand at unchanged prices. Dealers are quoting prices of 34s. to 37s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

Vanillin.—Makers' prices are steady: Ex clove oil or guaiacol, five cwt., 15s. 6d. per lb.; one cwt., 15s. 7½d.; 56 lb., 15s. 9d.; less than 56 lb., 16s., carriage paid in the U.K. Tins in cases are now returnable to makers.

Crude Drugs, etc.

A QUIET tonc is reported, with spot business mostly in small quantities. Prices are steady.

Aconite root.—Very scarce. Any remaining root would be worth approximately 160s. per cwt.

AGAR.—Inquiry fair. Kobe No. 1 is now quoted on spot at 17s. 6d. per lb., and Kobe No. 2 and Yokohama No. 1 both at 17s. per lb. No shipment offers are reported.

Aloes.—Routine business continues for Curação, with spot supplies limited Quotations are now at about 330s. to 350s. per cwt., ex store, according t quantity. The last price reported from New York was 300s. per cwt., c.i.

Cape remains steady and unchanged at about 57s. 6d. to 60s. per cwt., c.l. Exports from the Cape during the nine months ended September 30, 1940, totalle 551,612 lb., valued at £7,178, compared with 823,318 lb., valued at £11,331, in the comsponding period of 1939.

ANTIMONY. —In steady demand at lower prices. English, 99 per cent. £85 per ton, delivered; foreign regulus, £88 to £91 per ton, ex warehouse, dut paid; Chinese, for prompt shipment, £76 to £80 per ton, c.i.f.

Balsams.—Not much business moving in any description. *Tolu*, spot 8s. per lb.; Canada, 7s. 6d. per lb.; *Copaiba*, B.P., 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. per lb. Peru, 7s. 9d. per lb.

Belladonna.—The value of English-grown leaf is now about 4s. 6d. pe lb. Some Indian root is expected to arrive shortly.

BENZALDEHYDE.—Firm, and in short supply. Quotations nominal a 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb.

Benzoin.—Quiet trade is passing at unchanged prices. Spot, steady a previous figure of between £5 10s. and £6 15s. per cwt., ex store.

BISMUTH METAL.—Current price is steady at one dollar 25 cents per lb.

Buchu.—Limited spot business at unchanged prices. Spot, about 3s. 3d

150 and 151. Exports from the Cape during the nine months ended September 30, 1940, totalle 181,378 lb., valued at £18,656, compared with 254,765 lb., valued at £11,431, in the corresponding period of 1939.

CAFFEINE.—Very firm, with supplies limited. Importers are quoting abou 47s. 6d. to 50s. per lb., according to quantity. CITRATE, also in short supply is quoted at about 27s. to 32s. per lb.

CAMPHOR.—Market slow but fully steady. Japanese, tablets, about 6s per lb., for limited supplies; slabs, about 5s. 2d. to 5s. 3d. per lb.; flowers about 5s. 4d. per lb. Continental synthetic is quoted unchanged; Powder 5s. 3d.; tablets, 5s. 6d. per lb., ex store. English refined, steady at the recen advance, as follows: Flowers, one cwt., 6s. 3d.; 28 lb., 6s. 4d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 5d. per lb. Transparent tablets, \(\frac{1}{2}\)-oz.: one cwt., 6s. 9d.; 28 lb. 6s. 10d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 11d. per lb.

Cantharides.—Values steady, business quiet. Chinese, spot, about 5s. 9d to 6s. per lb., duty paid; Russian, if available, about 6s. 6d. per lb., on spot

CARDAMOMS.—Market remains slack, with quoted values about unchanged Ceylon, spot, 3s. 6d. to 5s. per lb., according to quantity. Bombay seed, about 4s. 6d. per lb. Mangalore seed, about 4s. 3d. per lb. Aleppy greens, about

38. 2d. per lb.
Exports of cardamoms from Ceylon during the seven months January–July 1940 totalled 1,000 cwt., valued at Rs. 167,000, compared with 2,000 cwt. (Rs. 260,000) in the corresponding

p riod of the previous year

CASCARA SAGRADA.—Rather more inquiry on spot has been noted this week but stocks are reported to be low. Spot, about 125s. per cwt.; shipment, approximately 105s. per cwt., c.i.f.

CASCARILLA.—Average small spot business. Silvery quill, about is. 6d. per lb.; siftings, about 1s. 4d. per lb.

Chamomiles.—Belgian flowers are unquoted.

CHILLIES.—Steady on a quiet market. Mombasa, spot, about 140s. per cwt., and Sierra Leone at about 135s. per cwt.

CITRIC ACID (B.P. CRYSTALS).—Makers' price continues nominal at 1s. 2d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount.

CLOVES .- Prices of Zanzibar are firm, with spot sales done at 112d. per lb To arrive, sellers quote January shipment at 9\flackdd. per lb., c.i.f., nominal. Madagascar continues steady on spot at 11d. per lb., in bond.

COCHINEAL.—Steady on a quiet market. Spot, blacks, about 2s. 6d. per lb.; greys, about 2s. 3d. per lb.

Cocoa Butter.—Nominal spot price is is. 3d. per lb., duty paid, ex store.

COCONUT (DESICCATED).—Values of fine and medium are nominal on spot. During the seven months January-July 1940, 232,000 cwt. of desiccated coconut, valued at Rs. 2,310,000, was exported from Ceylon. In the corresponding period of 1939 the figures were 342,000 cwt. and Rs. 2,800,000 respectively.

COLOCYNTH.—Business remains quiet, with quotations unchanged. Dealers are quoting fine-quality pulp at about 2s. per lb., with ordinary grades at about 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d. per lb.

CREAM OF TARTAR (B.P.).—One maker notifies a nominal price of 202s. per cwt., less 21/2 per cent. discount, with supplies restricted to regular consumer customers.

Dandelion Root.—Imported root unquoted. English-dug root is worth about 2s. per lb.

Derris root.—Root testing about 4 per cent. rotenone would be worth about is. id. to is. 2d. per lb., but stocks are reported to be small.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—Imported leaves are not quoted. English-grown leaves are now valued at about 4s. per lb., ex store.

EPHEDRINE HYDROCHLORIDE (B.P.).—Ordinary quantities continue to be quoted at about 7s. to 8s. per oz. Lots of 1,000 oz. are at a slightly lower figure.

Ergor.—Not much business is recorded. Spanish-Portuguese is now quoted on spot at about 8s, 9d. per lb., ex store; shipment, steady and unchanged at around 7s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f.

Gamboge.—Business has been on a small scale, at unchanged prices. Spot, good-quality Siam pipe, about £25 to £26 per cwt., duty paid, ex store.

Gentian.—French root is no longer obtainable, and Spanish is reported to be exhausted. About 200s, per cwt. would represent the value of any odd bags that may remain.

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INGER.—The upward tendency recently noted continues and West African ow quoted on spot at the higher figure of 80s. per cwt. Jamaican is also rer at approximately 100s. for small-medium, up to 120s. per cwt. for 1, in barrels, ex store. Cochin, unwashed, is unchanged at 75s. per cwt., store.

UAIACOL.—Crystals and liquid are quoted by dealers at about 12s. 6d. lb. for limited supplies.

UAIACOL CARBONATE.—Small inquiry, values steady. Makers' and dealers' stations continue at about 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per lb.

CUM ACACIA.—Demand has been quiet, but spot values are dearer. Kordofan ined sorts, spot, about 90s. per cwt., ex store London; shipment, about . 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

IENBANE.—The value of English-grown leaf would be about 6s. 6d. per 1b'ne Indian is reported available at about 210s. per cwt.

Hydrastis.—Untested root is quoted on spot at the slightly lower figure 17s. per lb.

PECACUANHA.—A small spot business has been done, with values maintained tto Grosso, spot, about 22s. per lb., ex store; shipment, about 16s. 9d. per c.i.f. Minas, again firmer, with spot values now at about 11s. per lb., ording to test; forward values about 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Ext. cac. Lig., unchanged at 30s. per lb., for minimum lots of twelve winchesters.

IENTHOL.—Firm. Chinese, spot, about 20s. 6d. to 21s. per lb.; offers from na are at about 17s. 6d. upwards per lb., c.i.f. Japanese, spot, a few cases stated to be available at about 22s. 6d. per lb., ex store, duty paid.

MERCURY.—No alteration has occurred in the London spot quotation of £48 bottle of 34.5 kilos, ex warehouse London, without engagement and subject confirmation.

VUTMEGS.—Average inquiry; values unaltered. West Indian, spot, 80's, put IS. 2d. per lb; 90's, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and wormy and broken, about $9\frac{1}{2}$ d.

PRANGE PEEL.—Thin-cut is valued on spot at about 3s. 2d. per lb., ex store ter quarters, if available, would be worth about 1s. 8d. per lb., ex store.

PEPPERS.—Firmer. Lampong, spot, 5\frac{3}{4}d. per lb., in bond; shipment, nuary-February, nominal. Tellicherry, spot, 6\frac{1}{4}d. Aleppy, spot, 6d; to ive, 36s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f., sellers. White Muntok, spot, duty paid, 9d.; bond, 8\frac{1}{2}d.; shipment, unquoted.

PIMENTO.—Spot value shows a further advance to 1s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, v crop, January-February, unchanged at 125s. per cwt., c.i.f., sellers.

Pyrethrum.—Spot quotations for Kenya flowers continue at in the region 160s. to 170s. per cwt., ex store.

Quillaia Bark.—Dealers are quoting about 85s. per cwt., ex store.

Quinine.—Sulphate is quoted at 59.85 U.S.A. dollars per 100 oz., f.o.b. va. At current exchange rate the sterling price would be £14 17s. 5d. per oz., f.o.b. Java.

RHUBARB.—Good demand continues, but spot stocks are limited. Ordinaryality rough-round is valued at about 5s. 10½d. per lb. on spot; shipment, out 4s. 4d. to 4s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Shensi has been in fair inquiry. Spot ocks are limited and would be valued at about 7s. 9d. to 8s. per lb.

Rubber.—All positions show fractional increases. Standard ribbed smoked cet, spot, is.; January, is.; February, 12 d.; March, 12 d.; April-June, dd.; July-September, 12 d.

Saffron.—Spot quotations for genuine Spanish remain at about 170s. per

SEEDS.—ANISE.—Cyprus, quoted at 100s., cost and freight, for January-bruary shipment. Canary.—No parcels are to be had on spot. Caraway.—ot, Dutch, 140s., duty paid. Coriander.—Morocco, firm on spot at 125s., ty paid. Cumin.—Spot, Morocco, 140s., duty paid; Malta, 145s., duty free. ILL.—Spot, Indian, 67s. 6d., duty free. Fennel.—Spot, Indian, 57s. 6d., ty free. Fenugreek.—Spot, Morocco, 40s., duty free, ex store London or verpool. Mustard.—English, 77s. 6d. to 85s., according to quality.

SENEGA.—Firm. Spot, about 4s. 10½d. to 5s. per lb., with not a lot available these figures; shipment, about 4s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

SENNA.—Tinnevelly, market steady, spot supplies small. No. 1 leaves, 10s. r lb.; No. 2 leaves, 6½d.; No. 3 leaves, 5d. per lb. Hand-picked Tinnevelly ds, if available, 1s. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; manufacturing pods, 6d. to 7d. per lb. exandrian hand-picked pods, a few small lots at 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.

Shellac.—Steady on spot; value of usual standard TN orange is 87s. 6d. r.cwt.; to arrive, 77s. 9d. per cwt., c.i.f. Pure button, 115s., and fine orange, 0s. to 170s. per cwt.

SODIUM BARBITONE.—A small inquiry, with quotations steady. One cwt., is. 6d. per lb.; 28 lb., 24s. 6d.; smaller lots, 27s. 6d. per lb.

STRAMONIUM LEAVES.—Spot stocks are limited, and any remaining supplies ould be worth between 140s. and 150s. per cwt.

TAMARINDS.—Spot supplies limited. Barbados, 50s. per cwt.; Antigua, s. per cwt., ex store London.

Tartaric acid (B.P. crystals).—Makers' nominal quotation continues 2s. 6½d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount. Supplies are reserved for regular pasumer customers.

THEOBROMINE.—Extremely short. Prices of imported material appear to try between 45s. and 6os. per lb. From 32s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. per lb. is quoted r Theobromine sodium salicylate made from imported theobromine.

Tonka Beans,—Spot quotations for fair frosted Para continue at about .6d. to 2s. 9d. per lb.

TRAGACANTH.—Market is quiet, but quoted values are dearer owing to arcity of the finer grades of gum. No. 1, white, £100; No. 2, white, £85; o. 3, white, £65; pale leaf, £40; amber leaf, £28; red leaf, from £15; woody and hoggy, from £8 per cwt., ex store.

TURMERIC.—Spot, Madras and Rajapore finger, quoted 52s. 6d.

WAXES.—BEES'.—Market quiet; values dearer. Spot, 2008.; in bond, 1908.; shipment, Dar-es-Salaam, 1858. per cwt., c.i.f. Japanese, first three brands, spot, duty 'paid, 1378.; in bond, 1278.; shipment, 1158., c.i.f. CARNAUBA.—Fatty grey, again dearer at 4308.; chalky grey, 4258.; Primeira, 5308.

Essential and Expressed Oils, etc.

A small but steady business is reported in certain of these products. Anise (star) shows a small advance. Prices for cassia are firm. Citronella is inclined to be firmer. Lemongrass is quoted dearer for shipment.

ALMOND.—No change has occurred in English expressed, which remains steady at the recent advance, as follows: Spot, one-cwt. lots, 4s. 6d.; smaller quantities, up to 4s. 9d. per lb., ex store. Genuine French bitter is quoted unchanged on spot at about 18s. per lb., nominal, ex store.

Anise (star).—Spot values for good-quality oil show a small advance. Spot, tins in cases, about 6s. 4½d. to 6s. 6d.; drums, about 6s. 1½d. to 6s. 3d. per lb., ex store; shipment, tins in cases, about 5s. per lb., c.i.f.

Avocado Pear.—Importers' quotations are unaltered at about 55s. to 57s. per gall., delivered; small lots would be at higher prices.

BAY.—Spot values are maintained at between 6s. and 6s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

Bergamot.—No change is reported in the position of this oil. Spot value are a matter for negotiation; about 60s. per lb. has been mentioned as a basis British makers offer artificial substitutes at attractive prices.

Bois de Rose.—The position remains as stated last week. Spot, fully 12s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, about 9s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f., in drums.

CAJUPUT.—In small demand. Spot, approximately 5s. to 6s. per lb., according to quantity.

Cananga.—Quiet and steady. The present spot quotation stands at about 198. per lb.

CASSIA.—Very firm. Spot oil would now be worth from about 9s. upwards per lb.; shipment, if obtainable, approximately 7s. per lb., c.i.f.

CITRONELLA.—Prices are a shade dearer and firm. Ceylon, spot, quoted at about 2s. 6d. per lb., in drums; small lots, up to 3s. per lb.; shipment, firm at about 2s. per lb., c.i.f. Java, spot, about 2s. 6d. to 3s. per lb.; shipment, about 5s. od. per lb., c.i.f.

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In the seven months January-July 1940, exports of citronella oil from Ceylon totalled 652,000 lb., valued at Rs. 591,000, compared with 812,000 lb. (Rs. 580,000), in the corresponding period of the previous year.

CLOVE.—Average routine demand on the spot. Madagascar, spot, in drums, about 6s. upwards, per lb., if available. English, quoted unchanged at about 7s. 5d. to 7s. 11d. per lb., according to quantity.

EUCALYPTUS.—The spot position is unchanged. Spot, from 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb. for 70 to 75 per cent. oil, according to holder, and from 4s. 6d. to 4s. 9d. for 80 to 85 per cent.; shipment continues nominal.

Geranium.—Bourbon and Algerian continue firm on spot at about 50s. per lb. for any good-quality oil available.

Grapefruit.—Genuine Californian is valued on spot at between 14s. 6d. and 15s. per lb. Genuine Florida would be worth about 11s. 6d. per lb.

Lemon.—There is no change in quotations for Californian distilled which remains at about 10s. per lb., nominal; cold-pressed might be obtained on the basis of 3 dollars 25 cents per lb., cost and freight. The position of Sicilian hand-pressed is unaltered; no quotations are available, and spot prices would be a matter for negotiation. British makers offer artificial substitutes at attractive prices.

LEMONGRASS.—Very firm. Shipment is now at about 4s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f. The value of spot would be in the region of 4s. 6d. to 5s. per lb.

LIME.—Spot quotations for West Indian remain at about 30s. per lb., with other qualities at lower prices.

LINSEED.—The controlled price for large bulk quantities of crude, naked ex works, is at the recent reduction to £41 ros, per ton. Distributors' prices for ordinary quantities would be higher figures.

Neroli.—Quiet and steady. Pure French would be at about 80s. per oz. Artificial substitutes are available from British makers at attractive prices.

OLIVE.—The Ministry of Food controlled price to importers for large bulk quantities in 50-gall. drums is unchanged. Distributors' prices for a few gallons, in gallon tins, carriage paid, range from 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per gall. as to quantity.

Orange.—French Guinea is quoted on spot at approximately 10s. or more per lb. Rhodesian continues to be valued at 8s. 6d. per lb., ex wharf London. Californian is quoted in sterling at 5s. per lb., in small drums, ex store, duty paid, limited supplies only being available. Shipment can be effected by transit overland to New York at an extra charge of five cents per lb.

Palmarosa.—Business quiet, market steady. Spot, about 12s. 6d. per lb., ex store; shipment, new-crop, about 10s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f.

PEPPERMINT.—The good demand reported recently for Chinese continues, but there appears to be little left on spot; value would be about ros. 3d. to ros. 6d. per lb. Shipment quotations are now about 7s. to 7s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f. American natural continues steady at 14s. 3d., m drums, and 14s. 7d., in tins in cases, c.i.f. Spot, steady at about 16s. per lb., ex store.

Petitgrain.—Quiet, with values maintained. Spot, about 12s. 6d. per lb., nominal; no shipment offers.

Rose.—Limited business; values maintained. Bulgarian oil is quoted on spot at about 8os. per oz.

SPIKE.—Quiet, with values exchanged on the week. Spot, about 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per lb.

VETIVERT.—Spot values are maintained, and business is slow. Spot, Bourbon, about 50s. per lb.; Java, about 40s. per lb., ex store.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Appreciation

I enclose with pleasure cheque. I believe you give the best value of any firm that 1 do business with. The information given is most reliable and the chemist's business would be very lonely without the C. & D. every week. With best wishes.—S. M. K. (9/12).

Twice-paid Tax

To avoid the injustice to manufacturers of paying purchase tax twice over (C. & D., December 28, p. 343), would it not be possible to allow these smaller manufacturers to affix a label or stamp stating "tax paid" to each item before it is sent out? This would involve no more trouble than does the use of a patent medicine stamp; there would be no risk of the articles reaching the public untaxed; and output could easily be checked by comparing the quantity of materials bought with the number of finished products sold in normal times and now, or from the quantities of goods invoiced.—Small Manufacturer (28/12).

Unequal Distribution

It is clear that a wholesaler is not bound, when allocating supplies, to observe the proportion in which he supplied goods to particular customers in the "standard" period. Would it not be fairer if wholesalers were compelled to allocate their quotas, on the ratio of pre-war orders, to chemists who have been dealing with them regularly for years? The present position seems curiously haphazard, not only in the chemist's business but in the retail trade generally. Before Christmas I went into several shops to buy chocolates, without success. Yet in a local covered market I saw a display of confectionery of well-known makes of all kinds, both loose and boxed, and had no difficulty in making a choice.—Lost Quota (28/12).

Profit-ratio Policy

If chemists were to make a firm stand and refuse to sell any proprietary that did not give them a reasonable margin of profit (C. & D., December 28, p. 348) they would in the long run bring manufacturers who grant these poor terms to see that such a policy does not pay. The argument against firm action has been that if chemists refused to stock such lines the manufacturers would be driven to enhance their sales through unqualified traders, but in fact they do this already, and frequently after they have previously induced chemists to start the line. Thus there is little likelihood of pharmacy suffering from new points of distribution. There are one or two patents with inadequate profit that I personally have consistently refused to stock, and I cannot trace that my business was ever affected adversely. Rather the reverse, in fact, as customers who know me are ready to take one of my own preparations.—Profit with Honour (30/12).

Pharmacy Restored to the Pharmacist

The purchase tax and Limitation of Supplies Order may be doing more to restore the alert pharmacist to his rightful place as supplier of the nation's medicines than all the talk of recent years. There is evidence that industrious chemists are making and packing many pharmaceuticals which for years they have been buying from manufacturers or wholesalers. True, the packings may not be quite so elegant as the ready-packed containers, but the quality is there, and the fact that a chemist can truthfully tell his customers he has made or filled the item himself goes far to raising his prestige above that of the mere distributor of other firms' goods. I have found that the ordinary slip label is accepted as a sign of quality, and that customers return time and again for the same "own-name" article. There are, too, little originalities which the chemist can introduce in his mode of packing to stamp them as his own and there is no reason why much extra capital should be needed on the preparation and packing side of the business, while there are few businesses which cannot afford the time for this work.—Pakit (18/11).

Enforcement of the Pharmacy Act

The duty of the Pharmaceutical Society, as set out in its Charter, is "the protection of those who carry on the business of Chemists and Druggists." For this purpose it examines and registers its menters and their premises for fees which are its main source of income. Furthermore, the Pharmaceutical Society is the only body entitled to enforce the Pharmacy and Poisons Act against persons carrying on business comprising the retail sale of drugs. Any non-enforcement of the provisions of the Act against co-operative societies is a dereliction of duty by the Society. Do not the present negotiations for relaxation of the law amount to a betrayal by the Council of the Society of the rights of the members they represent? History shows that the compromises effected by the Pharmaceutical Society have sacrificed the legitimate interests of qualified chemists in favour of company pharmacy and unqualified vendors of poisons. The statutory authority conferred upon the Society precludes discrimination in enforcing the provisions relating to carrying on a business comprising the retail sale of drugs. Any concession to co-operative societies conflicts with that authority—Scrutator (6/1).

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them

Scurf Pomade.— $E.\ C.\ T.\ (5/12).$ —The following formulas are taken from "Pharmaceutical Formulas," Vol. II:—

I		II	
Salicylic acid	3ss.	Salicylic acid	gr. xx.
Borax	gr. xv.	Chloral hydrate	gr. x.
Soft paraffin	ži.	Eucalyptus oil	mv.
Balsam of Peru	3ss.	Zinc ointment	3ss.
Oil of cinnamon	. , Miij.	Rose water ointment	3ss.
Oil of bergamot	mx.		

Cod Liver Oil.—S. & Co. (17/12).—The amount of liver oil obtained from the cod fish varies considerably, depending on several factors, such as locality of the catch, season of the year, etc. The weight of the liver may be 20–25 per cent. of the total weight of the fish and the oil content of the liver on the average is about 45–50 per cent. These latter figures, however, are often as high as 60–70 per cent. in certain cases during the autumn.

Modern Hair Cream.—P. E. R. L. (10/12).—The following will probably be suitable for your requirements:—

		I			
Tegin				8 part	s by weight
Liquid paraffin					s by weight
Arachis oil (or so	ya bea	an oil)		2 part	s by weight
Distilled water			;	70 part	s by weight
Perfume				a suffi	ciency
		T T			
		H			
White wax					10 parts
Liquid paraffin					130 parts
Distilled water					15 parts
Borax					r part

Melt the wax in fifty parts of liquid paraffin. Place in a mortar and stir in the remainder of the liquid paraffin. Add the distilled water in which the borax has been dissolved and stir the cream formed consistently until cold.

Non-oily Brilliantine.—B. D. & Co. (6/12).—The following formula will produce the type of hair dressing you have in mind:—

Glycerin	 	 	 	40
Spirit	 	 	 	40
Water	 	 	 	19
Perfume	 	 	 	I

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Purchase Tax.—S. L. B. (11/11).—Stationery and office equipment may be bought by registered firms engaged on Government work tax-free although required for use in the buyer's office or premises. It should be noted that according to paragraph 8 of Notice 77 registered firms may buy tax-free only goods intended for use as manufacturers' materials, or wholesalers' stock, and this position is not altered by the fact that the firm concerned may be engaged on Government work. The Commissioners of Customs and Excise state that registered firms who misuse their certificates in this way will be held accountable for tax on goods so bought and will also render themselves liable to heavy penalties.

Vitamin B Complex Elixir.—D. W. (12/12).—An elixir containing vitamin B factors can be made from the following formula:—

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	Thiamine hydrochl	oride (B ₁)		 	0.02
	Riboflavine (B ₂)			 	0.02
	Pyridoxin (B ₆)			 	0.022
	Nicotinic acid (P-I	? factor)		 	0.2
	Liver extract			 	22.5
	Benzoic acid			 	0.5
	Syrup of orange			 	80.0
				 	55.0
	Compound tincture	e of cardan	noms	 	10.0
	Sherry wine, a suff.	iciency		 	500.0

Sulphonamide E.O.S.—M. R. B. (16/12).—This is the provisional name given to a new compound which is the N-ethyl-sulphonate of sulphanilamide. As compared with sulphanilamide and its other derivatives the new compound has been found to be less toxic and largely free from the unpleasant by-effects which accompany the use of these drugs. Its high solubility in water, allowing of the preparation of strong solutions up to 40 per cent., compared with the low solubility of sulphanilamide and most of its derivatives, facilitates administration. According to Green and Coplans ("Chemistry and Industry," November 30, p. 793), a high degree of success has attended clinical trials with this new compound, the most important observation made being its relative freedom from toxicity. In the opinion of the above workers the relative non-toxicity suggests the possibility of its employment for lighter ailments such as common colds, and as a general safe prophylactic.

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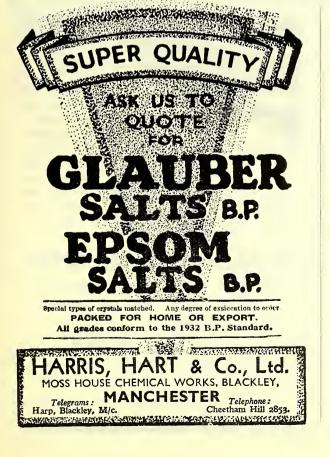
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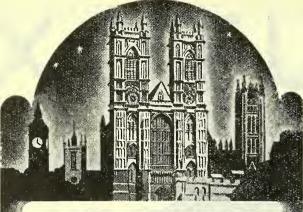
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